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PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

**FILE NUMBER: 100-106670**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586)  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 SM - C

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Re Bureau airtel dated 2/5/65 with reference to charges against the subject by Representative WILLIAM L. DICKINSON, Republican of Alabama.

A check of Atlanta sources disclosed no information which would confirm or not confirm the charges made by DICKINSON regarding the stationery which KING allegedly had printed with return address of County Jail, Selma, Ala.

Atlanta Office will remain alert for any information which may clarify this matter.

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 1 - New York (Info) (RM)  
 1 - Atlanta  
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Special Agent in Charge

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586) (P)

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta dated 2/9/64.

The name as furnished in the Atlanta letterhead memorandum dated 2/1/65 is in fact a phonetic spelling of the name.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of amended page for the Bureau and one (1) copy for New York.

- 3- Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
- 1- New York (100-73250) (Clarence Jones) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2- Atlanta (1-100-5586)  
(1-100-6670-A)

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Per \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE 1/27/65

FROM Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

b7(c) [REDACTED] Scurrilous Letter  
Involving Walter Jenkins and  
Attempt to Discredit Director

Our investigation involving the scurrilous letters regarding Walter Jenkins and an attempt to discredit the Director is being pressed vigorously. The New York Office has advised that they are expediting their inquiries. The New York Office is giving consideration to a possible communist involvement and will submit what typewriter specimens can be obtained for comparisons. They reviewed their anonymous letter files and their psychopathic writer files for possible relevant material for laboratory comparison.

Consideration is also being given to the possibility that Martin Luther King or one of his associates might be behind this and appropriate files and logs are being checked for leads in this connection.

b7(c) Liaison Agent [REDACTED] determined from Assistant Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED], Protective Research Section, U. S. Secret Service, that based on the two letters sent to Mr. Moyers and Mr. Reedy at the White House, the Secret Service checked against their files and came up with no pertinent information. This check included subject matter as well as typewriting and handwriting comparisons.

A large volume of files has been and is being reviewed in an attempt to identify the writer of these letters and no pertinent information has been found.

b7(c) On 1/26/65, an additional letter identical to the other was turned over to Assistant Director DeLoach by Mr. Jack J. Valachi of the White House. This letter was addressed to Mr. Valenti's office and bears the postmark Flushing, New York, 1/19/65, (PM). The letter, as well as the two letters to Secretary Rusk and the letter to Secretary McNamara are being processed in the Laboratory and will be forwarded to the Identification Division for latent fingerprint examination. The [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] letters have been forwarded to the Identification Division for appropriate handling.

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Griffiths  
1 - Liaison  
1 - Mr. Bartlett

OMB:chs  
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Memo Mr. Brewster to Mr. Sullivan

Re: UNKNOWN ACT;

b7(c) [REDACTED] Scurrilous Letter  
Involving Walter Jenkins and  
Attempt to Discredit Director

Chief Postal Inspector [REDACTED] was contacted in this matter on 1/27/65, and advised that Post Office files contain no record on the names [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. We have been unable to locate any pertinent data in Bureau files concerning the writer of these letters. This check is continuing and you will be advised of the results. b7(c)

The Administrative Division has furnished the following names of former agents who may be considered possible suspects in this matter: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7(c)  
The personnel files of these four persons are being furnished to the Laboratory for appropriate typewriter and handwriting examinations.

ACTION:

For information.

WJH  
V.  
JD



RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Mr. Tele. Room  
Mr. Holmes  
Miss Gandy

FBI ATLANTA

510 PM EST URGENT 2/8/65 MRB

TO DIRECTOR , MOBILE AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM ATLANTA 100-5586 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C

DATE 12-5-80 BY SP8 JPM/la

[REDACTED]  
ADVISED RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM AN INFORMANT HIS  
ORGANIZATION THIS DATE THAT JAMES VENABLE AND OTHER  
LEADERS OF THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,  
IDENTITY UNKNOWN, ARE PLANNING TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] STATED ABOVE INFORMATION ALSO FURNISHED  
TO SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND TO  
ATLANTA PD.

PRIOR INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] CONCERNING  
PLANS OF VIOLENCE OF VENABLE AND NATIONAL KNIGHTS PROVEN  
TO BE UNRELIABLE. [REDACTED]

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORMER INCIDENTS OF THIS TYPE,  
ATLANTA ADVISING ATLANTA PD AND NO FURTHER ACTION BEING  
TAKEN.

FOR INFORMATION OF WFO AND MOBILE BECAUSE OF KING'S  
PLAN TO BE IN THOSE AREAS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

END AND ACK PLS

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*SA [REDACTED]*  
*WASH DC PD*  
*AD*

CC-MR. SULLIVAN

RE: BERNARD S. LEE VS. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
VS. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 SM-C

ReBuairtel of 2/5/65, regarding a charge by Congressman WILLIAM DICKINSON of Alabama, that subject had stationery printed two weeks ago with return address as the County Jail in Selma, Alabama, and that the Bureau had appealed to subject to leave the city.

The NYO is not in possession of information corroborating DICKINSON's allegation, but will remain alert for such information.

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  - 1 - Atlanta (100-5586)
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C. G. Wick

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 Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. D. E. MOORE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SCLC, IS-C

DATE: February 9, 1965

cc Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. McGowan  
Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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Special Agent [REDACTED] Atlanta, telephonically advised at 2:10 PM today that King had missed his Delta Airlines flight for Dulles International Airport this afternoon and was still in Atlanta at the time of [REDACTED] call.

b7(c) SA [REDACTED] advised that King was traveling to Washington by a chartered flight this afternoon, but it was not known as yet what time the flight would leave Atlanta and arrive at Dulles Airport. [REDACTED] said it was not known definitely where King was staying in Washington, but he had made mention of the Statler-Hilton although prior indications were that he might be staying at the International House. [REDACTED] advised that he was calling in the event we had any coverage of King contemplated.

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CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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RE:

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

FEB 6 1965

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TO DIRECTOR /13/ /100-105670/ AND ATLANTA /100-55866/

ATLANTA VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED

FROM NEW YORK /100-136585/

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON DATE

RE NY PHONE CALL TO BUREAU TWO SIX SIXTY FIVE

[REDACTED] ADVISED TWO SIX SIXTY FIVE  
THAT BAYARD RUSTIN CONTACTED HARRY WACHTEL, THAT DATE. WACHTEL TOLD  
RUSTIN THAT LEE WHITE, OF THE WHITE HOUSE, CONTACTED WACHTEL AND  
SAID PRESIDENT JOHNSON WAS DISTURBED AND ANNOYED OVER KING'S STATEMENT  
THAT HE WOULD SEE PRESIDENT JOHNSON TWO EIGHT SIXTY FIVE.  
ACCORDING TO WACHTEL. WHITE SAID THE PRESIDENT IS TIED UP FOR MONDAY  
AND WHITE SUGGESTED KING MEET WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL KATZENBACH. (u)

RUSTIN TOLD WACHTEL THAT THIS MUST BE THOUGHT ABOUT.

WACHTEL SUGGESTED ANOTHER PLAN, THAT KING CALL THE PRESIDENT TWO SIX  
SIXTY FIVE ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT FOR TWO EIGHT SIXTY FIVE WITH THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL AND ISSUE A STATEMENT THAT HE HAD TALKED TO THE  
PRESIDENT THIS DATE (u)

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ADVISED FINAL PLANS FOR ACTION

BY KING WERE NOT REACHED. V

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Congratulations & sincere thank you for your  
inestimable support of the fight for the  
F.D.I. Chapter 10 year anniversary.

Please send photo postcard to our side of the  
sheet

Yours truly,

b7C)

[Redacted signature]

De la Cruz, Jose

Walter Brown King

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CORRESPONDENCE

# MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Flotsmen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
SM-C

DECLASSIFIED AND  
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DATE 12/2/80  
DECLASSIFICATION 2-485

Enclosed are six copies of a letterhead memorandum,  
captioned and dated as above; two copies are enclosed for  
the Atlanta Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ was the source of the information  
in the letterhead memorandum.

④ Bureau (100-106670) (Encl. 6) (RM)  
(1-100-442529) (CIRM)

2-Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.) (Encl. 2) (RM)

1-New York (100-6670) (CIRM)

1-New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)

1-New York (100-128388) (MILTON GALAMISON)

1-New York (100-91911) (JESSE GRAY) (42)

1-New York (105-8999) (MALCOLM X) (43)

1-New York (100-136585) (42)

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.;

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With regard to other individuals mentioned in the letterhead memorandum, there is insufficient suitable subversive information to characterize them.

This letterhead memorandum is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] a source who has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the CP influence thereof.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Bu 100-442529

New York, New York  
February 4, 1965

Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Security Matter - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on February 2, 1965, indicating that Bayard Rustin (Organizer of the March on Washington, D.C.) and one Cora (Last Name Unknown), were in contact on that date. According to the source, their contact was in regard to what Cora called the Poncheman Terrace (phonetic) Conference on February 18-20, 1965, at the Hilton Hotel, New York, New York. ~~(S)~~ (u)

Cora mentioned the fact that she had received Rustin's acceptance to be a speaker at the conference, which she said was being held for the benefit of "television", and was being produced by her. She said the conference proceedings would be on permanent tape, which will be divided into one half hour programs. National Educational Television has agreed to give 26 hours of coverage across the country on their fifty stations, Cora said. In addition, she said the British Broadcasting Company would run five hours of the proceedings of the conference and the United States Information Agency would also run some. She said the rest of the tape would be given to any station that wants to start a dialogue on peace. ~~(S)~~ (u)

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Security Matter - C

Cora said that Martin Luther King (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) had not responded to his invitation to appear and speak and unless he did agree, Rustin would not only be the only Negro, but the only spokesman for the "American Civil Rights - Peace Type Movement." She said King should be there for the good of everything concerned, especially him, because it (the conference) would be a fantastic international platform. X (u)

Rustin said King was in jail and there was a big debate as to whether he should come out of jail. Rustin said he was of the opinion that he should remain until the last of his followers were legally out on merit. Cora replied that she thought it would be very dramatic if he would fly here (New York City) from jail and he would fly right into the arms of the news media. Rustin said that if King got out of jail, he would spend Friday in New York City. Cora was encouraged by Rustin to wire King and request that he come to New York. X (u)

Cora, in continuing her remarks about the conference, said that King was scheduled to appear on a panel on February 20, 1965, chaired by Henry R. Luce (publisher of "Time - Life" Publications). This panel, Cora said, will be a mixed one, therefore, King would get terrific attention there. X (u)

According to the source, Cora requested Rustin to furnish the names of New York Negroes who should attend the conference. Rustin furnished the following: X (u)

The Reverend Milton Galamison (Chairman of the City-wide Committee for Integrated Schools); Thelma Johnson (Head of the Harlem Parents Committee); Jessie Gray; Reverend Richard A. Hildebrand, (President of the Manhattan Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)); Basil Patterson, new President of the New York NAACP; Joseph Overton (Chairman of the United Council of Harlem); Besse Buchanan (New York State Human Rights Commission); Benjamin J. McLaren (Member of New York X (u)

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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City Board of Education); Hope Stevens (New York City Attorney); (First Name Unknown) Davis of the Carver Bank; and Malcolm X. ~~X~~ (u)

In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states. U

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957. U

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958. U

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. X-(u)

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964. U

On November 28, 1960, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Jesse Gray is a former organizer of the Harlem Region of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA). U

On January 24, 1964, the source advised that according to William Patterson, Jesse Gray is no longer a CP member, but is friendly to the CP. U

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On July 13, 1964, the same source advised that William L. Patterson was chairman of the New York District CP. U

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 6, 1964, that Malcolm X is the founder and President of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated. U

A characterization of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated, is attached. U

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APPENDIX

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times," a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them. U

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principals." The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York. U

The May 23, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News," a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become soft in his anti-white feelings and to become more religious. U

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion. U

A second confidential source advised on October 20, 1964, that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, where they were established on March 16, 1964. These headquarters are shared with the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) which is also headed by MALCOLM X. U

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Bu 100-106670

New York, New York  
February 4, 1965

Title                      Martin Luther King, Jr.

Character                Security Matter - C

Reference               Letterhead memorandum  
dated and captioned as above at  
New York

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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BY LIAISON

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1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

Honorable Bill D. Moyers  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Moyers:

On January 2, 1965, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., appeared in Selma, Alabama, where he announced the beginning of a statewide drive to enable Negroes to register for voting. Since that time, there has been a continuing series of demonstrations by Negroes seeking to register to vote in Selma, and many demonstrators have been arrested on such charges as violating the city's parade ordinance, disorderly conduct and refusing to obey an officer.

On February 1, 1965, King led a group of approximately 264 Negroes from a church in Selma toward the county courthouse. They were confronted by J. Wilson Baker, Commissioner of Public Safety, who stated they were violating a city ordinance by parading without a permit. The group continued approximately three blocks when they were again confronted by Commissioner Baker who placed the entire group under arrest.

The group was taken to the City Hall. Commissioner Baker told King and Reverend Ralph Abernathy, an associate of King's, that they were not under arrest and advised them to leave the building. King and Reverend Mr. Abernathy then held a press conference on the steps of the City Hall, and they were instructed by a police officer to leave the premises. When they refused to do so, they were arrested and charged with violating the city's parade ordinance. All others arrested have been released on bond, however, King and Reverend Abernathy remain in jail in Selma in lieu of a \$200 bond each.

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NOTE: This has been classified Secret to protect the identity of confidential informant [redacted] who furnished the information re Young and Jones. Disclosure of this informant would compromise security interests of U. S.

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Honorable Bill D. Moyers

On February 3, 1965, we received information from a reliable source to the effect that Andrew Young, an assistant to King in New York City, held a discussion with Clarence Jones, an attorney in New York who is an advisor to King. Young and Jones discussed a request from King that "show people" visit him in Selma, and it was indicated that this might be arranged for February 4, 1965.

Young and Jones also discussed a request of King's that Young make a personal call to the President to have him intervene in some way. Young indicated that he did not think he would be able to speak directly to the President but thought that he could discuss the matter with Mr. Lee White.

Jones advised Young that it should be made clear to the President they do not want troops in Selma but are requesting that the President set the issue straight before the nation regarding the right to vote without obstruction, chastise Alabama for obstructing the right to vote and take legislative or executive action to clear up the confusion in this area.

Jones also suggested to Young that the President dispatch a small force of United States Marshals specially deputized by the President or the Attorney General, and he alleged that the United States Marshal at Selma is afraid of Sheriff James Clarke.

Clarence Jones was a member of the Labor Youth League in the mid 1950's. The Labor Youth League has been designated as subversive pursuant to Executive Order Number 10450.

It is suggested that the above information may be of interest to the President, and the Attorney General is also being advised.

Sincerely yours,

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February 3, 1965  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
Martin Luther King Jr., Andrew  
Young and Ralph Abernathy of the  
Southern Christian Leadership Conferen-  
ce planned to take a chartered plane  
from Montgomery, Ala., to Washington,  
D. C., at 4:00 p.m., 2/9/65, to meet  
with Attorney General Katzenbach and  
Vice-president Humphrey. Atlanta  
source advised that arrangements had  
also been made for King to meet with  
President Johnson, however, the meeting  
with the President was to receive no  
publicity.

The press release mentioned states  
that King and his group will meet with  
the Vice-president and the Attorney  
General on Tuesday, 2/9/65, to discuss  
the need for new and improved Federal  
legislation and expanded law enforce-  
ment to eliminate undemocratic barriers  
in voting procedures. The White House,  
the Vice-president and the Attorney  
General are being advised by letters.

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8-20 PM URGENT 2-7-65 BY

TO DIRECTOR /100-106670/ --2-- - ENCODED

FROM NEW YORK /100-136585/

I  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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ON TWO-SEVEN SIXTY-FIVE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HARRY WACHTEL CONTACTED CLARENCE JONES AND ADVISED HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH LEE PAREN (WHITE) AND PAREN AT THE WHITE HOUSE ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING-S COMING TRIP TO WASHINGTON. WACHTEL SAID THIS TRIP HAS OPENED UP A HORNET-S NEST FOR THE PRESIDENT, AND KING-S STATEMENT ABOUT A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFULLY WORDED. WHITE HOUSE WOULD LIKE CERTAIN WORDS SUCH AS ~~QUOTE~~ "NOT DEFINITE" ~~UNQUOTE~~, ~~QUOTE~~ "HOPEFUL" ~~UNQUOTE~~ AND ~~QUOTE~~ "IN VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES" ~~UNQUOTE~~ USED BY KING IN HIS STATEMENT ABOUT MEETING PRESIDENT.

WACHTEL SAID KING WILL ACTUALLY SEE THE PRESIDENT SOMETIME AFTER KING-S MEETING ON TUESDAY WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL, BUT THIS FACT MUST BE KEPT IN COMPLETE SECRECY. IF  
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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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IT GETS OUT, THEN PRESIDENT WILL NOT SEE KING. WACHTEL IS NOT  
HAPPY OVER ALTERNATIVES THIS LEAVES THEM. WACHTEL ALSO SAID HE  
HATES TO SEE VIETNAM CRISIS BUT AT LEAST IT SHOWS ~~THAT~~ " " HE  
~~WACHTEL~~ DID NOT LIE YESTERDAY. WACHTEL WAS TOLD NATIONAL  
SECURITY COUNCIL EXPECTS TO MEET ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY. WACHTEL  
SAID THAT NOW KING KNOWS, WHEN HE IS DEALING WITH THE PRESIDENT,  
HE IS NOT DEALING WITH A FRIEND, BUT WITH A TEXAN. LATER JONES  
CONTACTED WACHTEL AND READ TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE HE PREPARED FOR  
KING, AND WACHTEL DELETED ALL REFERENCES TO A MEETING WITH THE  
PRESIDENT.

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FBI WASH DC

CC-MR. ROSEN

RE: BERNARD S. LEE VS. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
VS. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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February 8, 1965

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Dear [REDACTED]

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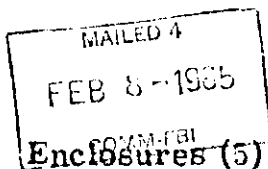
I have received your letter of February 3rd and want to thank you for your generous comments concerning my work and the kind sentiments you expressed.

You might wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism," which were written to help readers gain an insight into the communist conspiracy both in this country and abroad. These may be available in your local library.

Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Our Heritage of Greatness  
Let's Fight Communism Sincerely!  
The U.S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy  
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism  
Time for Decision

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February 3, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I know you must recieve hundreds of letters each day from people thro out the United States. But I had to take this opportunity this morning to thank you for being the Great man you are. We here in Orange County as in many other parts of the states do what we can to fight against the communist party in our country. I can't begin to express the angyer we felt when Martin L'King try to discredet you and stomp your name in the dirt. and what was more horrible was that some of our government officials did not stand up for you. Maybe some one in your office can exsplain to me, why? and how a man who has spread so much Blood shed, can be labled a great peace maker. and why does our government continue to go along with him in his distruction.

I do not have a great education and I'am not a Good letter writer. But as a mother of three growing children, I have to know the things that I can do, to help stomp out the communist in my country. I can not sit back and watch our country die.

Maybe you can help me. is there a group that I can join to reach this goal? I do not want to have to tell my children when they ask what did you do mom to help save our country. Nothing?

May God keep you well,  
Sincerely

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Garden Grove, Calif.

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FBI - NEW YORK

February 3, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I know you must receive hundreds of letters each day from people throughout the United States. But I had to take this opportunity this morning to thank you for being the kind man you are. We live in Orange County as in many other parts of the states do what we can to fight against the Communist party in our country. I don't begin to express the anger we feel. Dr. Martin Luther King try to discredit you and stamp your name in the dirt and what was more horrible was that some of our government officials did not stand up for you. Maybe some one in your office can explain to me why? and how a man who has spent so much blood shed, can be treated that way. I make a good case for you. I am sure you will continue to go along with them in the future.

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I do not have a great education and I am not a good letter writer. But as a mother of three growing children, I have to know the things that I can do, to help stamp out the communist in my country. I can not sit back and watch our country die. Maybe you can help me. is there a group that I can join to <sup>reach</sup> ~~reach~~ this goal? I do not want to have to tell my children when they ask what I did you do mean to help save our country? Nothing?

May God keep you well,  
Sincerely

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London, Nov. 1841

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To: SACs, Atlanta (100-5536)  
Mobile  
New York (100-136585)

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

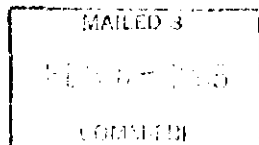
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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A Washington Capitol News Service release by UPI 2/4/65 reported that Representative William L. Dickinson, Republican - Alabama, has charged that subject had stationery printed two weeks ago with return address as the County Jail in Selma, (Alabama), and that the FBI had appealed to King to leave the city.

Recipient offices are instructed to advise by return airtel whether or not any information has come to their attention relative to the above two charges made by the Representative. Atlanta and New York should be particularly alert for any information available from their established sources which would confirm or indicate the untruthfulness of the charge concerning the stationery.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) DATE: 2/5/65

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM to Director, 1/18/65, in which it was reported that a Mrs. REYNOLDS was donating \$5,000 to subject.

A review of New York files failed to furnish sufficient information to identify Mrs. (FNU) REYNOLDS.

Since the NYO was unable to obtain identifying information in its files, it had hoped that KING would have contacted her during his scheduled visit to New York City, on the weekend of 1/23-30/65; however, this did not materialize, since KING did not come to town.

Bureau and Atlanta will be kept advised if information is gathered which sheds some light on this matter.

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Forest Park, Georgia 30050

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Dear [REDACTED]

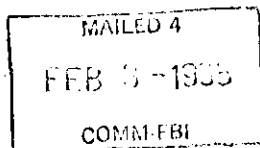
Your letter of February 2nd has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the individual about whom you inquired, nor can I suggest a source where you could obtain the information you desire.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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12-7-64 U. S. News and World Report  
12-21-64 U. S. News and World Report  
"Our Heritage of Greatness"  
"Time for Decision"  
11-25-64 St. Louis Globe-Democrat

NOTE: Bufiles reflect that we have had one prior piece of correspondence with this individual on 4-3-64 when he wrote regarding the National Council of Churches. There was no derogatory information concerning him and he was sent reprint material not duplicated with this letter.



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[REDACTED] PASTOR [REDACTED]

February 2, 1965

Information Service  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Serving as vice-chairman of the North Georgia Conference Board of Social Concerns of the Methodist Church, I am eager to know the truth about Martin Luther King. I have found this extremely difficult to ascertain.

On January 20, 1965 in one of our Church meetings some question was raised about him when a member of the group said that the accusation that he was a communist, "had been proven." After the meeting adjourned I asked this gentleman where he got his facts and he said, "from F.B.I. reports."

I should like to know if this is true.

Those who are interested in knowing the truth from rumor find it difficult to do so. Can the F.B.I. help us here and in other such instances, or, if not, can you suggest some reliable source from which facts can be gotten?

Thanking you in advance for this service, I am

Sincerely yours,  
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[REDACTED] pastor

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February 3, 1965

BY LIAISON

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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
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1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

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Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey  
The Vice President  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Vice President:

I am enclosing the attached memorandum containing information relating to the proposed trip of Martin Luther King, Jr., to Washington, D. C., on February 9, 1965, which may be of interest to you. The information was furnished by sources who have supplied reliable information in the past.

A copy of the attached memorandum has been furnished to the White House and to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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defense. The sources who furnished the information are [REDACTED]

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February 8, 1965

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
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1 - Mr. McGowan  
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Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey  
The Vice President  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Vice President:

With reference to my letter earlier on this date, I am enclosing the attached memorandum containing additional information relating to the proposed trip of Martin Luther King, Jr., to Washington, D. C., on February 9, 1965, which may be of interest to you. The information was furnished by a source who has supplied reliable information in the past.

A copy of the attached memorandum has been furnished to the White House and to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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Transmit the following ~~AIRTEL~~

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Via

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TO: Director, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-46230) (RUC)

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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau 1/12/65. Philadelphia letter to Bureau 1/6/65. Philadelphia airtel to Bureau 1/21/65, captioned "AMERICAN NAZI PARTY." Atlanta airtel to Bureau 1/27/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies and for Atlanta and New York three copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

- 4 - Bureau (Enc.-9) (RM)  
3 - 100-106670  
1 - 100-438794 (SCLC)  
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1 - 100-46729 (BAYARD RUSTIN)  
1 - 100-149194 (SCLC)  
1 - (A. PHILIP RANDOLPH)  
3 - Atlanta (Enc.-3) (RM)  
1 - 100-5586  
1 - 157-621 (ANDREW YOUNG)  
1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)  
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As indicated in referenced Philadelphia airtel 1/21/65, KING addressed students at Villanova University 1/19/65. KING also addressed a group of students and faculty at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa., on 1/20/65. No incidents were reported.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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January 29, 1965

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The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, a daily newspaper published in Philadelphia, in its two-star final edition, of January 23, 1965, contained an article captioned "Rustin Asserts Teachers Must Band Together."

The article reflected that Bayard Rustin, civil rights organizer, told more than 600 teachers on January 22, 1965, that the answer to school inequities in Philadelphia lies in a strong teachers' union. Rustin called for teachers to "vote 100 per cent for the union" in the February 1st election for an exclusive bargaining agent for the city's public school teachers.

The article indicated that Rustin read endorsements from the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King and A. Philip Randolph, backing the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, in the elections against the Philadelphia Teachers Association.

Rustin read a letter from Doctor King, which said, in part:

"Associated with the labor movement, they (PFT leaders) have, like the whole labor movement, taken forthright positions on expanding educational opportunities and improving educational quality.

"Their moral commitment to sound educational opportunities and policies for pupils--and fair personnel practices for teachers--would bring great gains to 270,000 children in the city of Philadelphia."

The article continued that Randolph, President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL-CIO, and the Negro American Labor Council, and director of the March on Washington, praised the "militancy" of the PFT, which he said, seeks "social justice for all people and serves the pupils and teachers well."

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The Inquirer, a daily newspaper published in Philadelphia, Pa., in its final city edition of January 29, 1965, contains an article captioned, "Dr. King Calls Support Of City Teachers Unit Not Racially Inspired."

The article reflected that:

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said in an Atlanta interview Thursday that the Philadelphia Teachers Association 'has made substantial contributions to the cause of civil rights.'

"He told association leaders, however, that he was not withdrawing his indorsement of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers (AFL-CIO), but simply meant that the indorsement was not based on the civil rights issue.

"Issue Not Racial

"The Rev. Andrew Young, Dr. King's executive assistant, explained the issue to The Inquirer in a telephone conversation:

"The association felt that the original indorsement was being used as part of the campaign to make the main issue strictly racial. Dr. King's original statement was not based on the race issue of either organization."

"Last Friday night Bayard Rustin, a former aide to Dr. King, read a letter from him to a Federation meeting here which urged Philadelphia's teachers to vote for the federation in next Monday's election.

"Letter Challenged

"Walter J. O'Brien, executive secretary of the association, challenged the authenticity of the letter. Dr. King then sent a telegram to the federation reaffirming the indorsement.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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"O'Brien flew to Atlanta on Wednesday night and spoke with Dr. King, who won the Nobel Prize for civil rights leadership, for 65 minutes Thursday afternoon.

"Mr. Young said that after the meeting Dr. King issued a statement that he has 'long stood for an alliance of organized labor and the civil rights movement.

"Esteem for Labor

"We are impressed by the collective bargaining technique and experience of the labor movement...

"In my indorsement of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, I did not mean to imply that the civil rights issue was the main issue of this election.

"I am convinced that the Philadelphia Teachers Association has made substantial contributions to the cause of civil rights and the welfare of Philadelphia teachers and children, both Negro and white

"I am sure that the teachers of Philadelphia are competent to judge which of these organizations will best further the interests of teachers and students in Philadelphia."

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Bayard Rustin

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In "The Saturday Evening Post," issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party." Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party." He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker," February 11, 1957, page one, column two, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 12, 1958.

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that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis in those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak.

Benjamin J. Davis

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"The New York Times," Monday, August 24, 1964, page 27, column four, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on Saturday night, August 22, 1964.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 29, 1965

Title MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Character

Reference Letterhead memorandum,  
dated and captioned as above,  
at Philadelphia, Pa.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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To: SAC's New York (100-136585)  
Atlanta (100-5586)

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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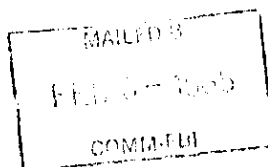
ReNYairtel 2/4/65, copy to Atlanta, which enclosed a letterhead memorandum of same date reporting on the arrangements being made by one Cora (LNU) for a conference to be held in New York City 2/18-20/65. Cora referred to the conference as the Poncheman Terrace (phonetic) Conference. It was indicated that subject King, among others, would probably participate.

Recipient offices, particularly New York, should be alert to information identifying Cora and available further details concerning the conference. New York should conduct appropriate discreet inquiry to identify Cora and review files to determine if she has any subversive background.

The Bureau should be kept promptly advised of any pertinent developments concerning the conference insofar as King's connection therewith is concerned.

**NOTE:**

The reported conference scheduled to have a number of civil rights leaders in attendance is to be screened for TV with extensive dissemination, including abroad. Separate dissemination is being made of the letterhead memorandum to all appropriate interested agencies.



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February 8, 1965

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

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Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

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With reference to my letter to you earlier this date, there is set forth in the attached memorandum additional information concerning Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, proposed trip to Washington, D. C., on February 9, 1965, which might be of interest to the President. This information was furnished by a source who has supplied reliable information in the past. U

A copy of the attached memorandum has also been furnished to the Vice President and the Attorney General. U

Sincerely yours,

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February 3, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A confidential source advised on February 8, 1965, that Bayard Rustin, a former member of the Young Communist League, which has been designated as subversive pursuant to E. O. 10450, Harry Wachtel, a close adviser to King who was a member of the National Lawyers Guild, which organization was described as a Communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities of the U. S. House of Representatives, and Jack Greenberg, Director of the Legal Defense Fund, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, have reservations aboard American Airlines flight number 375 for Washington, D. C., February 8, 1965, to depart New York City at 5:30 p. m. (U)

According to Rustin, Martin Luther King, Jr., will meet with some Congressional leaders and with the Attorney General on February 9, 1965. Rustin said their position will be to demand enactment of a civil rights bill in 1965 guaranteeing the right to vote. (U)

The source advised that Wachtel was in contact with Rustin on February 8, 1965, regarding King's trip to Washington where King will arrive at Friendship Airport at 1:50 p. m. on February 9, 1965. He will go from Friendship Airport to attend a conference with the Attorney General. A press conference will also be held by King on February 9, 1965. (U)

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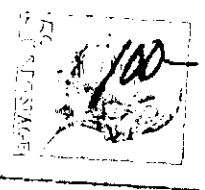
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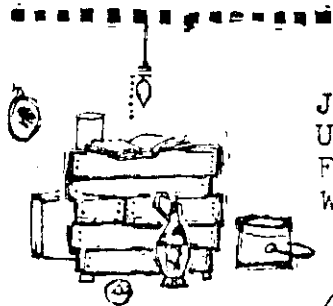


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FROM THE DESK  
OF



J. Edgar Hoover  
U.S. Dept. Justice  
F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: -

Having the newspapers  
as a guide - The King  
(Martin Luther) is certainly  
taking advantage of his  
position. & I believe he  
has "drunk his fill".

It's nearing the time  
to put up or shut up  
as he emceed himself  
as another "Luther". Taking  
advantage of his back-  
ground - religion -  
psychologically his is

becoming more dangerous  
to this country.

We hope & pray that  
the right men will be  
in the right place(s)  
at the right time.

We should not think  
what would happen  
to this country if  
men like King & Powell  
continue to balance  
the power. & that's  
not a drastic statement!

Keep striving for  
what you believe in  
Sir. I'm certainly behind  
you.  
Very truly yours  
[Redacted Signature]

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RE:

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

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FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: MIRIAM OTTENBERG  
APPEARANCE ON RADIO STATION  
PROGRAM ENTITLED "FOR YOUR  
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Captioned individual appeared on the above program from approximately 9 to 10 p.m. on 2-8-65. She was being interviewed regarding her article entitled "What's Ahead For The FBI" which appears in the 2-23-65 issue of "Look" magazine.

During the program, telephone calls were received, most of which were favorable to the Bureau. Several calls were received inquiring about our jurisdiction in the civil rights field and Miss Ottenberg did an excellent job in furnishing this information. One individual stated he had known Mr. Hoover for a number of years and admired him, but he wanted to know why Mr. Hoover did not appear on television to make a public statement at the same time that Martin Luther King did subsequent to their meeting in Mr. Hoover's Office. Miss Ottenberg handled the situation extremely well explaining the entire background concerning the controversy between King and the Director and the reason the Director called King a liar. She stated that everything was patched up between them during their meeting in Mr. Hoover's Office. *Nothing was patched up*

It is felt Miss Ottenberg did an excellent job in explaining the Bureau's jurisdiction, and she came to our defense in the few instances where telephone calls were received which indicated that the caller was not certain as to limitations of our responsibilities in the civil rights field. Her remarks throughout the program were entirely favorable and laudatory toward the FBI and Mr. Hoover.

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## RECOMMENDATION:

For information. It is noted that a letter of appreciation is being prepared by the Correspondence and Tours Section which will be routed through separately. ---

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Miss Holmes

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Mr. Belmont

Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: February 5, 1965

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Hines

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SENATE, ADMINISTRATION

CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Evans called to advise that he had just learned that Martin Luther King asked to see the President, the Attorney General and certain members of Congress. He understands the President does not propose to see King but that the Attorney General will probably see him. This is contingent upon how King handles himself between now and the time he asks to see the Attorney General.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (100-9045) (RUC)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Atlanta airtel to Director and several other offices, including Denver, dated 1/13/65.

The letterhead memorandum to referenced airtel set forth a schedule of speaking engagements in various parts of the country for MARTIN LUTHER KING during the period January 20, 1965, through June 19, 1965. He was scheduled to speak at Colorado University, Boulder, Colorado, on February 3, 1965.

As the Bureau and Atlanta are aware, KING is currently in jail in Selma, Alabama and, consequently, he did not speak in Boulder on February 3, 1965.

An article in the "Rocky Mountain News," Denver daily newspaper, February 4, 1965, issue captioned "King Cancels CU Integration Talk," indicated therein that Dean JOHN R. LITTLE said the integration leader's appearance was officially canceled at 5:30 A.M., Wednesday (February 3, 1965) when LITTLE spoke with Dr. KING's secretary in the secretary's Selma, Alabama, office. According to the article, KING's aides assured the sponsors of KING's canceled Boulder speech he would appear but no date was indicated.

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Denver will continue to be alert for a possible future KING visit and relevant information will be furnished promptly to Bureau, Atlanta and any other necessary offices.

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February 4, 1965

BY LIAISON

1 - Callahan  
1 - Rosen  
1 - Sullivan  
1 - Bland  
1 - D. J. Brennan  
1 - Baumgardner

Honorable Bill D. Moyers  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Moyers:

A confidential source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past has supplied the following information which I thought the President would like to have.

On February 3, 1965, a number of friends of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Atlanta, Georgia, contacted Walter P. Reuther and George Meany asking that telegrams be sent to President Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and Governor George Wallace of Alabama protesting the imprisonment of Martin Luther King. Reuther is President, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America. Meany is President, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations. It is to be noted that on February 1, 1965, King was arrested and imprisoned by local authorities at Selma, Alabama, for parading without a permit and failure to obey an officer.

King's friends indicated that requests were going out on a nationwide basis to bring pressure to bear for Government intervention. As of February 3, 1965, efforts were being made to contact Mr. Lee White at the White House to obtain the personal intervention of President Johnson. Andrew Young, one of King's assistants, was scheduled to meet on February 3, 1965, in Selma with Governor LeRoy Collins in an effort to obtain the assistance of Governor Collins in his present capacity as Director, Community Relations Service, United States Department of Commerce.

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Honorable Bill D. Moyers

This information is also being furnished to interested officials in the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

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To: SAC, Atlanta

From: Director, FBI 100-106670-803

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Chicago teletype to Bureau and Atlanta, 2/4/65, "Reverend Martin Luther King, RM."

Advise Atlanta Police Department of information contained in retel.

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FBI CHICAGO

922 PM CST URGENT 2-4-68 JAZ  
TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA  
FROM CHICAGO (100-35336) 1P

REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

AT TWELVE FORTYFIVE P.M. THIS DATE [REDACTED]  
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED  
THAT AT TWELVE ZERO THREE P.M. TODAY THAT UNIT HAD RECEIVED  
A TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN ANONYMOUS MALE WHO SAID "GODDAM I WILL  
SHOOT MARTIN LUTHER KING WHEN AND IF HE COMES TO CHICAGO. [REDACTED]  
THE CALL WAS THEN TERMINATED. [REDACTED] STATED POLICE  
HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION TO AID IN IDENTIFYING CALLER.

INFO FURNISHED MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND U. S. SECRET  
SERVICE, CHICAGO.

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- Mr. Mohr  
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1 - F. J. Baumgardner  
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To: SACs, Atlanta  
Chicago  
Phoenix

From: Director, FBI (25-330971) (100-106670)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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12-8-80 SP4 JRM/lt

ReFXairtel 1/29/65 concerning possible meeting of  
Nation of Islam leader, Elijah Muhammad, and Reverend  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Each office must make every effort to identify  
Bennett Johnson who is attempting to arrange this meeting.  
The Bureau and interested offices should be advised promptly  
of all pertinent developments concerning this meeting,  
particularly the specific purpose of the meeting.

Information should be furnished to the Bureau  
expeditiously to be followed immediately by a letterhead  
memorandum suitable for dissemination.

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NOTE:

See cover memorandum F. J. Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan  
dated 2/2/65, same caption, prepared by TPR:jad.

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A confidential source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past has supplied the following information.

On February 3, 1965, a number of friends of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Atlanta, Georgia, contacted Walter P. Reuther and George Meany asking that telegrams be sent to President Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and Governor George Wallace of Alabama protesting the imprisonment of King. Reuther is President, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America. Meany is President, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations. It is to be noted that on February 1, 1965, King was arrested and imprisoned by local authorities at Selma, Alabama, for parading without a permit and failure to obey an officer.

King's friends indicated that requests were going out on a nationwide basis to bring pressure to bear for Government intervention. As of February 3, 1965, efforts were being made to contact "Mr. Lee White at the White House" to obtain the personal intervention of President Johnson. Andrew Young, one of King's assistants, was scheduled to meet on February 3, 1965, in Selma with Governor LeRoy Collins in an effort to obtain the assistance of Governor Collins in his present capacity as Director, Community Relations Service, United States Department of Commerce.

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Jan. 3, 1965

Thank A. T. G. - 07108

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It may be that you have read this letter that Dr. W. V. Inge wrote to Martin Luther King. If not, we ask you to read it carefully as it is very profitable because it brings out many important & vital points which <sup>should</sup> not be overlooked in the very questionable affairs of this man King who is called "civil rights leader". As children of God who have studied His Word with some of the best bible students, we know that bible prophecy is rapidly being fulfilled & that God's judgment is on our U.S.A. Johnson's "great society" is really the bunk, because God is not in it or him. We have no desire to start or <sup>spread</sup> gossip, prejudice or malice, but to present the Truth & to reveal hypocrisy & fraud, especially as it concerns the security & welfare of every American citizen. No doubt you know much more about this man King than we do but if "The National Observer" quotes him correctly he surely is not a Christian & therefore has no peace.

ENCLOSURE

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But this communist buddy has been awarded the "Nobel peace prize" by the quibble judges & the "Dahlberg Peace Award" by the "American Baptist Convention"; amazing indeed! He is the most notorious liar in the country he is also one of the most notorious frauds or hypocrites, that ever lived in the flesh. We learn in Psalm 11:9 that the word "inward" is applied to God & is meant for Him only & is not a title but a description of the infinitesimal. Mr. King like many other hypocrites as Catholics & Protestants, accepts this word, or its abbreviation, "Rev." before his name. Although we're no desire to condemn him or anyone else. But do believe that Messrs. King, Powell, Galt, mailers, Nichols -

& others, for the good of our country, should be exposed under the searchlight of a Holy Word. We pray also that God will restrain the evil men in our country!

We're no desire to be malicious or to condemn anyone but wickedness is increasing fast as you, sir, very well know. We have a beer & liquor drinking, arm twisting, president who, seems to me, more like a high backed dictator than the president of the U. S. A. with an equally inadequate vice-president.

There is much hatred & a kind of corruption in our government; an unprecedented amount of crime both adult & juvenile as you know far better than I do as director of the F.B.I. We appreciate you & the great service rendered by the Bureau and we appreciate an opportunity to reply to this letter which would be held in strict Christian confidence if you request it sir.

Yours in the battle against sin & sinners & sincerely by God's grace  
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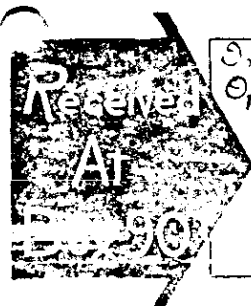
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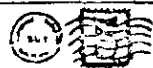
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*Dear Reader  
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*Western Voice,  
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July 20, 1964  
Grand Prairie, Tex.

Dear Friends:

I could not help but write you this morning to tell you how my heart overflows with unspeakable joy from our service last night. Our young people started giving their testimonies in the Sunday evening service and our God began to work. It was like the crowning of a great occasion. Most of our kids who failed to make a move at all at camp, surrendered and made vows and promises that culminated during the testimony service. We had no sermon, no invitation, but nonetheless people rose and went forward. A 15-year old boy went to one of our teachers during the service and was saved. God's Sweet Breath was heavy in our midst. I fear for those who were rebellious; it would have been difficult indeed to resist. A strange thing, too there were few tears; rather each possessed composure and spoke with determined and distinct words. It was truly an experience of God's quiet, secure power at work in His children.

Our trip home was perfect; the last car arrived about 7 P.M., giving everyone time to get a good night's rest. As far as we know, every single individual who went to camp was in church on Sunday morning!

This week, and those to follow, when you each feel weary, tired, angry, and disgusted with trying to help

Hebrews were put in the fiery furnace—surely an extreme "police brutality" from your viewpoint—because they would not obey an order to bow down and worship an idol. No state through its legislative power or a court through its injunctive decree has directed you to bow down and worship an idol. It is an entirely different situation when a man goes out, as you have done, and violates local ordinances because you consider them to be unjust. Here you set your personal judgment above that of the community and the state. In the instances in the Holy Scriptures to which you refer, the state put itself above God in the conscience of the individual, and there was nothing left but for the individual, as required by God, to obey Him rather than the sinful decree of the state. The two are not parallel.

## The Bible Recognizes the State

Moreover, the Scripture is very precise in its commandments to Christians to obey the powers that be, and if laws are to be changed it must be done in an orderly and lawful manner before God. Thus our Saviour said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21). The entire area in which you have been encouraging civil disobedience is an area that the Bible clearly recognizes as belonging to Caesar.

The Apostle Peter said, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well" (1 Pet. 2:13, 14). And so Peter emphasized, "Let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters" (1 Peter 4:15). Your whole approach in defying laws and ordinances that you believe to be unjust, the inspiring of civil disobedience, is contrary to the obligation that God has laid upon you in the Holy Scriptures. You are not the law. You are not the maker of the law. You have indeed become a law unto yourself, and this is the spirit of revolution and violence that the Bible enjoins the Christian to be against.

You say specifically:

"There are just laws and there are unjust laws. I would be the first to advocate obeying just laws. One has not only a legal but moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws. I would agree with Saint Augustine that 'an unjust law is no law at all.'"

"Now what is the difference between the two? How does one determine when a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law."

May I say, Dr. King, if you are going to violate all such

Camp!"

Dan Allen was a very special blessing to all our kids (Me, too). His challenge on patriotism and love for Country really hit its mark!

Thank you, in Jesus' name, from me, personally. What great fullness of joy I have experienced. Surely, our Lovely Lord "fillet all in all."

I extend my highest regard, love, admiration, and prayers to each of you individually. May every camp on those grounds this year do for those who come, what God did to and for us.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. E.K. Oldham

## Martin Luther King

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you take and the presuppositions upon which they are based

The purpose of this letter, therefore, is to do just that, and I trust that you will accept it in the Christian spirit in which I write. It is from the standpoint of the doctrines of the historic Christian faith that I make this analysis of your position and my appeal to you.

Our Country is in trouble. The racial conflict, I believe, has broadened, intensified, and could bring bloodshed.

It did seem rather peculiar to me that you should be honored with an award for "peace." In your letter from the Birmingham jail on April 16, 1963, you actually defend yourself as being among the "disturbers of the peace." You argue, "Wherever the early Christians entered a town the power structure got disturbed and immediately sought to convict them of being 'disturbers of peace,'" and you liken yourself to one of them who "had to obey God rather than man." You credit them with bringing an end to such ancient ills as infanticide and gladiatorial contests. But this was not accomplished, Dr. King, by "nonviolent direct action" such as you are promoting throughout the United States of America. In your letter you liken yourself to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who defied the unjust laws of Nebuchadnezzar.

It is just here, I believe, that you have tragically confused the position of the Word of God. The disciples said they "ought to obey God rather than men" when they defied a council's decree forbidding them to teach or to preach in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! No one has ever denied you this privilege in the United States, and the three

and all the citizens of this land. The Scripture exhorts "to strive lawfully."

It is interesting indeed to see in your Birmingham letter your application of this principle to the local ordinance. You say: "I was arrested Friday on a charge of parading without a permit. Now there is nothing wrong with an ordinance which requires a permit for a parade, but when the ordinance is used to preserve segregation and to deny citizens the First Amendment privilege of peaceful assembly and peaceful protest, then it becomes unjust." So, you proceeded to violate it, to encourage and stimulate others to violate it; and when you were arrested and put in jail as a lawbreaker you wrote a letter from prison as though you were standing in the train of the Apostle Paul or of John Bunyan.

Dr. King, I say to you very frankly that you have sought to justify your own willful disobedience and defiance of proper authority that you might promote a cause which you are especially interested. You appeal to us: "I hope you can see the distinction I am trying to point out. In no sense do I advocate evading or defying the law as the rabid segregationist would do. This would lead to anarchy." Dr. King, in this you are worse than the rabid segregationist and you have produced anarchy. In fact, as I read your thesis, it is this very anarchy that you produce that you feel is going to bring about the result you desire.

You say, "Nonviolent, direct action seeks to create such a crisis and establish such creative tension that a community that has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue. It seeks to dramatize the issue that it can no longer be ignored. I just referred to the creation of tension as a part of the work of the non-violent resister. This may sound rather shocking."

It is shocking! It is naked defiance! In fact, you are attempting to use the disturbance that you create as a form of intimidation and coercion against the community. The community should solve its problems peacefully and by democratic processes. Both of these you have here rejected. The use of force in this way is in principle the same as "shooting your way to power."

So you are carrying over this principle in demonstration after demonstration. Your purpose is to use this to force the changes you desire. You are not using reason or restraint. Moreover, you speak about "our fear-drenched communities." These tactics that you have employed have actually produced "fear-drenched communities."

### Demonstrations Bring Fear

I was in Washington for the march, August 28, 1963. Most of the white people stayed at home that day. They were

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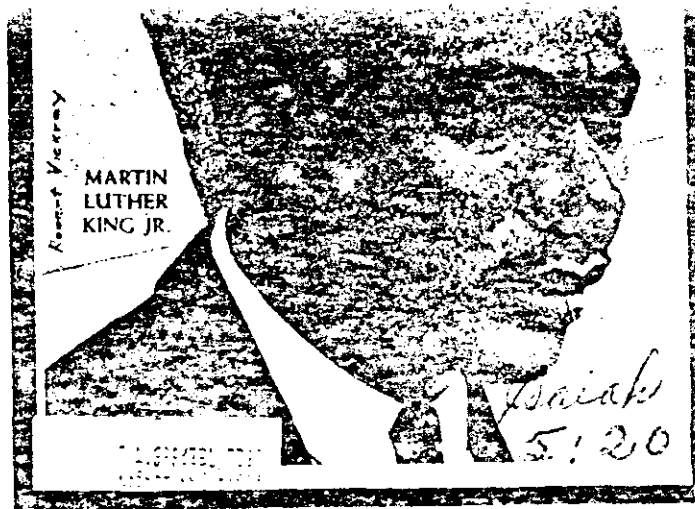
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TIME Magazine, January 3, 1964, featured the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King as "Man of the Year," for 1963. In a long report about Negro leaders, calling 1963 the "year of the Negro revolution," the magazine also featured excerpts from King's letter to America's clergymen written from the Birmingham jail.

My dear Dr. King:

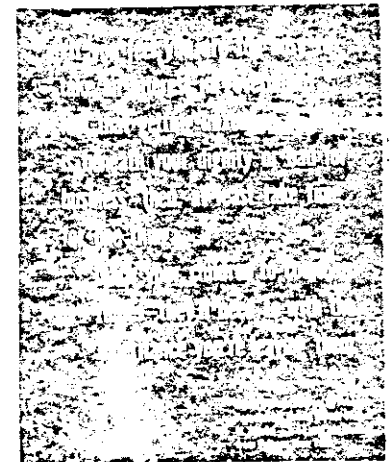
You have just received the Edwin T. Dahlberg Peace Award from the American Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlantic City. There you used the platform of the church to denounce Governor Wallace for his political activities in Wisconsin, Indiana, and Maryland, and informed us all that you are in favor of "busing" pupils to establish a racial balance in the public schools.

I have studied your course of action and your statements through the years and as yet I have not seen anyone come forward and challenge directly the various positions that

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with what God revealed  
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"In this sense, says Dr. King, Jesus was divine. But Dr. King rejects the virgin birth of Christ as literal fact. The early Christians, he says, had noticed the moral uniqueness of Jesus; to make this uniqueness appear plausible, they devised a mythological story of Jesus' biological uniqueness."



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## An Open Letter to

# Martin Luther King

From Dr. Carl McIntire



The following quo-  
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King appeared in "The  
National Observer," on  
December 30, 1963:

"What set Jesus a-  
part, he believes, was  
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one else can be Jesus.  
He was one with God in



the twentieth century. The Gospel of Christ involves personal regeneration, the new birth, salvation from sin. You do not even talk in these terms. In fact, your gospel of freedom, as you call it, is something that you yourself have devised in the twentieth century, and it is not related, as I see it, in any way to the Gospel of the precious blood of the Lamb which cleanses from sin. You have forsaken the true Gospel in order to create your new gospel. Some preacher needs to tell you this, Dr. King.

Moreover, your gospel has no light and no power. It is only the Gospel of Christ that deals with sin and that has in it the power of God, that has in it light and the grace of God to give to men hearts that will love.

We have all the liberty needed to advance the Negroes in this country under our present Constitution, without federal legislation. Moreover, how do you think that you are going to win the respect and the tribute of your white neighbor when you seek to use the policeman's club and the Attorney General's injunctions against him if he does not act in the prescribed way? No human being likes this kind of control and regimentation. With such control and regimentation of the nation you are not going to obtain what you desire. It will create more bitterness, more strife, more misunderstanding, and you are launching the nation upon a course that cannot bring peace and unity. In fact, it will only encourage deeper lines of segregation.

Why can you not take an entirely different approach? Why do you not appeal to the Negro and the white man to love each other on the basis of the Gospel and the Word of God? Why do you not appeal to those of your race to become diligent in seeking to improve themselves? The Bible is full of all manner of admonitions that we all must heed in developing that Christian character which is a praise to God. I find nothing of this in your Birmingham letter or anywhere else in anything that I have read from you. To you the kingdom of God is federal legislation. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" is not a court decree! I am getting into the deeper realm of the human spirit here and the relationship of one spirit to another.

When I read the section of your jail letter dealing with offenses of whites against Negroes, I wondered how legislation—federal or otherwise—could stop a person from calling a Negro "boy" and failing to address a Negro as "Mrs." etc. These are matters of respect and mutual esteem which you can never force from a man by law! You have forsaken the realm of the spirit for the legislative chambers!

#### You Cannot Legislate Love

Frankly, I think your love argument is a shame. It is more of a tactic than reality. You cannot legislate love. Moreover, your love appeal is legislation. The state does

#### Sin and Segregation

Now let us take up the question of segregation, which is supposed to be the sin, the major sin; in fact, almost the only sin. Everything generates from it, according to your thesis! I ask, Is segregation sin per se? I do think it can produce sin and in certain circumstances unquestionably it has become sin, but where in the Bible can you find segregation among the prohibitions of the Ten Commandments? In fact, as I read the Bible, I see that God commanded the Jewish nation to be segregated. He condemned them when they integrated with the nations around about them. In fact, the whole history of God's dealing with the Israelites in the Old Testament represents the struggle to keep them separate. They were not even to integrate the ox and the ass. God forbade that they be yoked up to do their plowing. The Children of Israel maintained their segregated stand for 400 years in Egypt. They were peculiar not only in that they had God as their Lord but that they drew the strictest lines of segregation for themselves and their children. When we turn to the New Testament we find this same emphasis carried over into the Christian church. The Apostle Paul refused to permit an integrated church in Corinth—an integration with the temple of Zeus or Apollo. Faith was not integrated with idolatry! He called for the strictest kind of purity in relationship to the church and the faith that he had delivered unto the saints. You read the New Testament in vain for any commands for integration. And just as I think you have gone astray on the whole question of brotherhood, I think that you have sought to impose upon holy Scriptures an entire world that does not exist. If Negroes want to live with Negroes and have Negro churches and sing their Negro spirituals and encourage their Negro children to date and marry other Negroes, is this to be the great sin of the century? The only point I am making here is that your position is most extreme as you seek to defend it; it is just simply un-Biblical, and you have gone beyond the Scriptures to build your federal castle of power.

I have been struggling and struggling with the situation that you have created when you maintain that this whole struggle of integration and anti-segregation is a moral issue. What command is being violated? Brotherhood, you say. But you are wrong on brotherhood. It seems you have to do a great deal of rationalizing and stretching of points to come up with the thesis that a Christian church is living in sin if it does not have a Negro in its membership. Thus for 2,000 years the church has been in terrible sin! And then when I study your thesis that there must be a "busing" of students to give a balance of integration in the schools, the same identical principle must be carried out logically and consistently by you and we must have fully integrated

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# Martin Luther King

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afraid of what might happen in view of what they knew had happened elsewhere under your leadership. In some way or other it ought to be gotten across to you that the strategy and approach that you are making is doing far more harm than good when it comes to creating the right attitude between the races. You are driving wedges, creating bitterness and hatred that it will take years to overcome.

Your remedy is federal legislation—which will put more controls and restraints on the entire population, both white and Negro. And, since it is not so easy to accomplish what you would like on a state-by-state basis, you are willing to develop an entire new area of federal power for the direction and control of the lives of all of the people. This, Dr. King, is taking away liberty, not winning it. It is destroying freedom, not extending it. To destroy freedom in order to have freedom is folly.

Moreover, when you have set the example of disobeying laws and ordinances that you believe to be unjust, what are you going to do with the Americans who, after you have established what you consider to be just laws, think those laws are not just and proceed to use you as their number one argument for violating the very laws that you consider to be just? Will you demand their enforcement over these people who would use your identical arguments? Would you use police dogs, tear gas, and prods against them? How could you possibly justify appealing to the Attorney General to propose legal sanctions against them, when in their civil disobedience and rebellion they were following your argument, your example, and insisting that their conscience needed to be just as free as your conscience was? Is it all right for you to say what laws are unjust and for another American citizen not to have the privilege also of saying laws are unjust, just as you have exercised your personal judgment? This, of course, is anarchy, and I employ the argument only to show the absurdity of your present position.

## A Non-Freedom Freedom

Now, while we are talking about what you call freedom, do not see how you can possibly call your movement a freedom movement. It is only by eliminating freedom and forcing people to conform to the pattern that you think is best that we can have the kind of society that you envision. Our present free society, as we now know it, is obviously not satisfying to you. You denounce it as a status quo.

Moreover, I am greatly distressed by seeing your appeal what you call the "Council of the South" as being the

not love; it does not know how to love; it never has been able to love; it cannot create love.

Love is something that is born in the hearts of men. It is related definitely to God, not to the State. God loves. Only God can give us His love!

If you and others associated with you, Dr. King, would completely reverse your approach and begin preaching the Gospel of grace as it is defined in the New Testament, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16), we could make real progress. When did you last quote that text?

There are some other beautiful ones; "He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (1 John 4:20b.) You are not reaching the white man with love. You are trying to reach him by federal legislation. You are responsible for this, and you are only stimulating more antagonisms.

This brings me into another area of your thinking which I believe is so terribly wrong. I do not believe you understand what brotherhood is as it is defined in the Bible, and as it was presented by Jesus Christ. We are told explicitly that "He came unto his own, and his own received him not, but as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:11,12a). The Lord Jesus Christ indicated that these sons were not born of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but they were born of God. You completely destroy the distinction between the saved and the lost, and you claim that all men are brothers regardless of their beliefs. On this point you do not follow Jesus Christ and you depart radically from the teaching of all the great historic Christian creeds.

Dr. King, I wonder as I study your position if you really know the power of God and the miracle of the new birth? There are multiplied thousands of Negroes in this country who believe exactly what I have said at this point. They love the white men because they love God, and have been born into the kingdom of God. Your approach is secular, material, crass, cold, and though you use high-sounding words of brotherhood, you are a million miles from reality. How do you propose to deal with sin in the heart of man and between the races—legislate it out of existence? You are walking down a blind alley and, I believe, doing your own country irreparable harm. At least it will take years to overcome the injury to our beloved land. You indicate that you do not want a gradualism or a slow process, but you want things done in a hurry. The way I propose is faster

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Communists, throw themselves fully into the battles which lie ahead on this front.

"More specifically, it is necessary, first to mobilize all possible support for the Administration's civil rights legislation. Its passage will place the role of the federal government in a new light and will thus constitute a major advance."

When what you are doing produces what the Communists say will be "a major advance," not just in the struggle for civil rights but for all other struggles in which the Communists themselves are engaged, does this not disturb you? Does this not jolt you? Does this not make you think that perhaps your approach is wrong, when the Communists want to travel with you and help you put over the program that you are advancing?

I see a connection here now, and I am sure it is not unnatural. You received an award for peace. This theoretical journal says that the struggle for civil rights will advance the cause of world peace, and apparently the American Baptist Convention follows the same logic, for they gave you the award for peace.

When I stop and survey the total picture and what makes the difference between the position that I have and the one that you defend, I think it simmers down to our whole attitude toward what is the Christian faith. To me it is everything. It is relevant to every issue that confronts us in all of life. But what I consider the Christian faith and what you consider the Christian faith appear to be something entirely different.

I start on the premise that men are wicked, their hearts are deceitful, they must be saved, and only the Gospel of grace can do this. I do not believe we can shout love, force love, until, first, love has been found in Jesus Christ, and this is the love of which Paul spoke when he said, "Love . . . rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth" (I Cor. 13:4,6). The 13th chapter of First Corinthians will solve our problems without federal legislation. Why not, Martin Luther King, give it a chance? Why not turn and appeal to white and Negro on the basis that in Jesus Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, . . . for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." But you are trying to tell people they should act like Christians when they have never even been born again; and your remedy for the solution of the problem is not the grace of God; it is legislation in Washington.

It would appear to me that your seminary training and the liberal thoughts that you have embraced have contributed to making you what you are and led you to think that you are in the category with the prophets and the apostles when you violate a Birmingham ordinance requiring that you get a permit before you parade. There is no such similar situation to be found anywhere in the holy Scrip-

ture. My neighbor is my neighbor (Luke 10:27). It is perfectly plain that he, like yourself, does not understand the Gospel and its power, or you would never be asking Washington to do your loving for you.

I have written you, of course, at some length. You apologized also for writing such a long letter from prison. My appeal to you is to return again to the Bible, read it, let it have free course, let it be multiplied in the land. You would not have even the question of police brutality if you followed the Word of God. Dr. King, modern liberalism is powerless. It confesses this when it turns to the State for its power and its remedy. I believe that it takes the Gospel to keep the State free and to keep it from becoming our lord and master. Indeed the Bible is correct:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever" (Psa. 23).

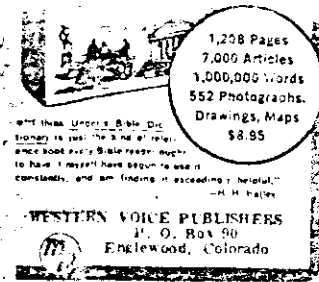
The dark clouds of racial prejudice, which you say you are seeking to remove, you are actually making darker, and the storm is more threatening in the approach you are making and by the principles you have sought to promote. Please, Dr. King, let us go back to the Word of God. Then, as you say, "in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty." One thing is certain, federal legislation cannot produce that beauty; only the grace of God can. And when you genuinely love and have that grace, you look at the question of segregation and integration and all the problems relating to desires of individuals and of the races with a desire to help every man, on a man-to-man, faith-to-faith, love-to-love basis. You now call for a big government and a small regimented man. My view calls for a small government and a man of large Christian character. You here abandon man to the state, instead of bringing men to God in Jesus Christ.

Can you not see the difference? Many of our people do.

It is love, love of God, that has led me to write to you and appeal to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Remember: "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

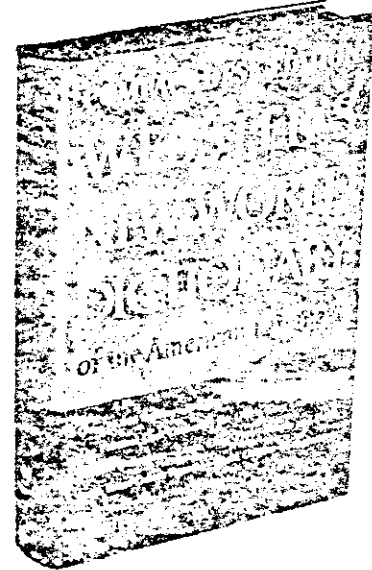
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## Martin Luther King

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towns and states and nations. The irresistible logic of your position will take away all freedom from all the people. Starting with your "busing" principle, the community should be balanced, integrated on a balanced basis, and this then should be reflected in the schools, without the "busing." But this can never be done without force. It is force that is used to move the children about, compelling them to fit into the pattern, and it would be force by the state to compel citizens to live in a balanced relationship. You cannot obtain this kind of world without a totalitarian power to direct it and without the loss of freedom. Your principles are wrong. They are contrary to the concepts of liberty that undergird the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.

The great reserved rights of the Ninth and Tenth Amendments give us all freedom of association, freedom of movement; but, in order to bring about the kind of integrated society and schools that you advocate, the principle of individualism upon which our concept of capitalism and a free society is built must be abandoned. Your approach is the road to tyranny, not to freedom. The tensions and conflicts that you stimulate are inevitable because men who love freedom and who have an opposite concept of freedom from that which you have adopted will resist you because they want to preserve freedom for themselves, for their children, and even for your colored people. When I hear you talk about emotionalism versus reason, it seems to me that you are the one who is employing emotionalism and abandoning reason, and certainly you have long since forsaken revelation as it is given to us in the holy Scriptures.

The way you speak of your opponents is most revealing. You give no evidence of love for a Governor Wallace or a Governor Barnett. Should you not love them, too, and act like it? You stigmatize all your opponents who desire segregation as "racists." If the lack of respect manifested by you against those who differ with your views were to be expressed against Negroes, your reaction would be instantaneous. It seems to me that you do not practice what you preach. Why did it become necessary for you to turn to the federal government for legislation? Was it because your "love" failed to win your will?

Your remedy is far worse than the disease. You have, of course, brought to your assistance the whole Communist world. You ought at this point, it seems to me, to recoil sharply from what you have produced.

I wonder how you must think and feel when the theoretical journal of the Communist Party, Political Affairs, July 1963, just before your march on Washington, endorsed it all. The article, "Peace and Civil Rights," said:

"The fight for Negro freedom has been a long and difficult one."

In fact, as I have already quoted Peter—if any man suffers as an evildoer let him be ashamed.

I think Dr. Eugene Carson Blake ought to be ashamed of himself for what he did on the Fourth of July, 1963, in Baltimore, Md., and I know there are millions of Christians who are ashamed of him today. We do not want a revolution that is brought about by open defiance of established law in this beloved United States. We want a revival, a reformation, and this can only come when men's hearts are changed, and renewed, and this is only possible by the power of God, not by the power of the Attorney General.

I tell you, Dr. King, I think that you have been leading us down a blind alley. You are making the Communists to rejoice and giving them the grist they need for their propaganda mills! Your whole approach is wrong. You need completely to reappraise the entire situation. The entrance into Mississippi this summer of many students and the activity that you have planned and even threatened are unquestionably bringing a reaction. When the leaders of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. endorse your program, Christian people want to leave the National Council of Churches, and rightly so. When you get your solution, if you ever do, your relationships between the Negro and the white will be forced, artificial, and sustained not by mutual respect and the love of which Christ spoke, but by fear, intimidation, and the development of an American citizen who has lost his independence and his freedom.

Your solution of our race problem produces more problems than we now have or that we will be able to contain. The solution which I suggest will produce genuine heavenly love and will enable people in this blessed land to work out their problems on the local level as the Constitution provides. Let us not change our form of government to solve the race problem! Let us preach what we have always had—the Gospel of the grace of God, and use the liberties that we have always had under the Ninth and Tenth Amendments to build a great and free America.

Do you not believe the Gospel could do this? I do. Why not at least give it a try before you turn to federal power? I have read your speeches; I have heard you on the air; and I have yet to hear you preach the Gospel of Christ as it is presented in the New Testament and as hundreds of Negro preachers across this country proclaim it.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Remember, the Attorney General cannot purge us of our sins.

I find that Senator J. Lee Thompson has the same view.

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country. Amaker had little more use for Abraham Lincoln than he has for a Southern governor. The Emancipation Proclamation, according to Amaker, "was penned by a highly skilled and gifted politician. His purpose was to save the Union not to free the slaves."

Amaker, whose business is to appeal to bigotry, prejudice, and ignorance, was not honest enough and decent enough to say that if Lincoln hadn't saved the Union, the Negroes would have continued to be slaves indefinitely, maybe until now. Amaker's implied position, incidentally, is the position of all of these agitators: Abraham Lincoln should have been a miracle worker (should have done everything that needed to be done) and he should have done it all simultaneously.

There is just one side to this issue -- the Negro's side. The other day I watched and listened Senator Hubert Humphrey (Dem. - Minn.). The senator of course was talking about civil rights. He was almost in tears as he told of how the Negro died for the white man in war; and because he dies for the white man in war, the Negro should get everything he claims to be his right.

In war, the Negro dies for the Negro as well as for the white man. In war, proportionately more white men die for Negroes than die for white men.

These agitators never say anything about the Negro's responsibility.

They never say anything about how he became a slave in the first place. They never mention the fact that if Negroes had not hunted up other Negroes and sold them to slave traders (a jug of molasses, or of New England rum, would buy a boat load of them), the Negroes never would have been slaves. The Negro, not the white man, is responsible for the degraded condition of the Negro. These agitators never mention the fact that in Africa today the greatest enemy of the Negro is not the white man but the Negro. These agitators never mention the fact that more Negroes hate Negroes more than they hate white people. These agitators never mention the fact that in this country today the greatest segregation is that of the better middle class and well-to-do Negroes from all the others.

And there are the Negro's crime and slums. These agitators never mention this. They never mention the fact that Negroes are converting Washington, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, into a crime-infested slum. More than 85 per cent of the crime in Washington is committed by Negroes according to the official re-

cords. Substantially, the same thing is true in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and every other city in this country with a heavy Negro population.

When Negro leaders begin to demand a responsibility corresponding to the demand for civil rights, when the Negro leaders begin to demand that Negroes think and speak and work in terms of responsible Americans; when Negro leaders begin to demand that Negroes stop blaming everybody but themselves for their condition; when Negro leaders begin to expound and defend the constitutional government under which they, like all the other minority groups, have made more progress than they have made anywhere else on earth

When Negro leaders begin to demand an attitude like this, they are going to make progress. They are not going to get anywhere with threats and violence. Adam Clayton Powell is a liar when he says that the Negro has the white man "on the run." The great majority of Negro citizens in this country never had any thought of getting the white man "on the run." The great majority of white citizens in this country never had a thought of getting the Negro "on the run."

Mr. Kennedy, the Supreme Court, and the mobs are not going to succeed in forcing people to associate themselves together against their mutual will and their mutual interests. This has never happened anywhere in the history of the world. It never will happen anywhere as long as human nature is what it is.

# MOB RULE IS NOT A CIVIL RIGHT

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No Negro, and no other American, has the right to substitute mob rule for the rule of law. No Negro, and no other American, has the right to trespass on private property. No Negro, and no other American, has the right to block traffic on the sidewalk, the street, the highway. These facilities belong to the general public; they do not belong to any particular group. No Negro, and no other American, has the right to rewrite the Constitution of the United States in the private headquarters of some religious, racial, social, or political group. No Negro, and no other American, has the right to legislation forcing citizens to associate themselves together against their mutual desire. No Negro, and no other American, has the right to legislation that would handcuff exceptional talent and genius to the dull, indolent, shiftless, and unimaginative. No Negro, and no other American, has the right to any right that does not require corresponding responsibility. No Negro, and no other American, has the right to legislation that would result in converting large areas of this country into diseased crime-infested slums.

There are no absolute rights in this world. All rights are relative. All of my rights are related to other men's rights. My right to raise rattlesnakes in my back yard is related to the safety of my neighbor's children across the fence. My right to make a junk yard of my front yard is related to the social and property rights of my neighbor. The property owners and residents of a decent, clean residential section have as much right in law and morals to keep me from turning that section into a crime-ridden slums as I have to do it.

This thing of civil rights is not to be defined and determined by the unleashed passions of mobs.

#### THE PRESIDENT

I have no petulant animosity toward Mr. Kennedy. I am not one who believes that the smiling, juicy-talking gentleman Mr. Kennedy defeated

for President would have been any better than Mr. Kennedy, maybe not as good. Mr. Kennedy is not responsible for the Cuban "crisis". That situation began when Woodrow Wilson and his fellow "idealists" began the liquidation of the foreign policy that led this country from a few weak colonies along the Atlantic Coast to the greatest nation on earth. That policy was destroyed before Mr. Kennedy became President; and with its destruction, the Monroe Doctrine was automatically destroyed. The truth is, Mr. Kennedy found no *Monroe Doctrine* to invoke when he became President.

Mr. Kennedy is completely right about another thing: Everybody wants him to do something about Cuba, but everybody wants from him first, a guarantee that nobody is going to get hurt, and that nobody will lose a dollar.

But these feelings of intelligent sympathy and goodwill for Mr. Kennedy do not alter the fact that his proposed remedies for the solution of the racial problem in this country ultimately means the complete breakdown of our constitutional system and government by mobs and anarchy. Further, Mr. Kennedy's remedies reveal his incapacities as a statesman.

What are Mr. Kennedy's proposed remedies?

In the first place, Mr. Kennedy who has had more to say about the importance of the courts than anybody else, doesn't want to wait on court hearings and decisions. Constitutional processes are too slow for him. He told a convention of mayors in Honolulu that justice cannot wait for too many meetings. "It cannot await the action of the Congress or even the courts. We face a moment of moral constitutional crisis — and men of generosity and vision must make themselves heard in every part of the land."

If this "moral constitutional crisis" is not to be settled by Congress and the courts, there is but one other place to settle it; like it is being "settled" — by mobs in the streets.

What kind of civil rights does anybody in this country have that are superior to the basic principle of all civilized societies: the adjudication of disputes by constitutional processes?

In the second place, Mr. Kennedy is demanding that Congress enact legislation that will make the Federal government the absolute master of all stores, hotels, motels, restaurants and theaters.

This means the complete destruction of private property rights. And there is not a genuine poli-

tical philosopher on this earth, infidel or Christian, who will tell you that you can have freedom and liberty without private property rights.

And you need no political philosopher to tell you, you need no student of government to tell you, that if the Federal government can be the master of all stores, the hotels, the motels, the restaurants, and the theaters of this country, by the same logic, by the same principle of law, the Federal government can become the master of the churches in this country. Not only can, but will.

And what kind of a government will we then have? A Communist government. If you know anything at all about Communism, you know that the abolishment of private property rights is the first major act of a Communist regime.

Mr. Kennedy's proposed remedies demand a centralized, incompetent, tyrannical government over serfs and slaves. This is exactly the ultimate meaning of what he proposes.

Who has any civil rights that are superior to the basic personal and property rights guaranteed all Americans by the Constitution of the United States?

#### RESPONSIBILITY

In the midst of all this civil rights violence we hear absolutely nothing, from any source from the White House down, about the Negro's responsibility. No crowd has ever acted with more irresponsibility. Martin Luther King, Jr., demands that the President personally escort Negro students to the University of Alabama. He demands that the President cancel his European trip and give all his attention to civil rights, civil rights as defined solely by Martin Luther King, Jr. King is demanding that Negroes by the thousands march on Washington when the civil rights legislation is being considered. He demands that they jam the lobbies of the Capitol, that they jam the galleries, that they even elbow their way into the offices of senators and representatives.

A smart-aleck 12-year-old boy with a deer rifle loaded with steel bullets is a matured army officer compared to Martin Luther King with all of his mob-inflaming talk.

And to hear these agitators tell it, everybody, including God, is against the Negro. The other night Norman Amaker, a New York attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, spoke here in Springfield. As he told it, the Negroes were the real heroes of the

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# Memorandum

1 - Mr. Belmont  
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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/1/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Rosen  
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1 - F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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We have learned that Martin Luther King, Jr., is scheduled to appear in Davenport, Iowa, 4/23/65, at a banquet sponsored by the Davenport Chapter of the Catholic Interracial Council (CIC). King will reportedly be paid \$1,000 for his appearance and also be given the "Pacem in Terris" award, the second year such an award has been given by the CIC. The first such awards were given in 1964 to the late President Kennedy and to John Howard Griffin, a writer. The award is in memory of Pope John.

You will recall that in August, 1964, we recommended, and the Director approved, that [redacted] be orally briefed concerning King's communist connections and [redacted] so that such information could be passed on to the Pope as it was anticipated that King would seek an audience with the Pope. Such briefing [redacted] subsequently was made by Assistant Director Malone in New York City.

It is shocking indeed that King continues to be honored by religious groups. Inasmuch as commitments have apparently been made by the CIC for the award in Davenport, there is little likelihood that anything can be done in this instance to prevent such an award. It is believed, however, that it would be desirable to have Assistant Director Malone recontact [redacted] and bring to his attention the information we continue to receive about King being given honors by Catholic groups, citing the Davenport CIC award as a current instance. It could be tactfully suggested that in the end it might well be embarrassing to the Catholic Church for having given honors to King. A discussion with [redacted] might well suggest to him the desirability for [redacted] to initiate such action as he deems appropriate, through church circles, to alert Catholic institutions and organizations concerning King. It would appear that [redacted] would certainly be appreciative for the information we are giving him.

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*BF*  
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*[Signature]*  
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*I see no need  
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transmitted to the Seat of Government for referral to the Department of Justice. Mr. WACHTEL expressed hope that this matter would be handled expeditiously "as this is a dirty matter".

This memorandum has been classified "Confidential" because it contains information from the above sources, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA, and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

January 27, 1965

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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On January 27, 1965, Mr. Harry Wachtel, 575 Madison Avenue, New York City, who described himself as attorney for Dr. Martin Luther King, telephonically contacted the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Wachtel stated that he had been requested by his client to ascertain if any federal violation had been committed by individuals who are connected with New York City telephone number YU 7-4343. He stated that there is a recording given out when this telephone number is dialed which is slanderous and labels his client as a Communist.

Wachtel stated that he has been in contact with a Mr. Svenson, an attorney with the New York Telephone Company who, as yet, has not been able to furnish an answer to the above question.

Upon dialing New York City telephone number YU 7-4343, the following message is heard:

"With the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Martin Luther King, Jr., it should be obvious to everyone that the Nobel Peace Prize is nothing more than an instrument for furthering the cause of Communist World Revolution. The Communists have directed their followers to look to Dr. Martin

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Luther King, Jr. for leadership in the racial revolution and he has undoubtedly inspired more hatred between races than any other ten men. The enormity of this insult to the American Negro is revealed in King's background, of which most Americans know very little. He has dozens of Communist front affiliations and he had been photographed in attendance at a Communist training school. King has many close associates with notorious Communist records, and one of them, Bayard Rustin, is a sex pervert, draft dodger, jail bird and former member of the Young Communist League. Are we using guilt by association? Yes, we certainly are. Did you ever see a pelican cohabit with a woodpecker? Neither did we, and until we sight our first pelipecker, we will maintain that Martin Luther King, Jr. is a fake humanitarian who is leading the Negro people into the abyss of Communism. From the Manchester, New Hampshire 'Union Leader', we quote: 'Are the American people so bemused by civil rights propaganda that they are no longer willing to speak out against such affronts to common decency or have they been sufficiently cowed by the charge of bigotry that they feel they dare not speak out against manifestations of Negro racism.' For the ugly truth about Martin Luther King, Jr., send a \$1.00 donation to:

"The Fake Humanitarian  
Box 645  
Sarasota, Florida.

"Let Freedom Ring."

On February 14, 1964, Frank A. Capell, 56 Bay Street, Staten Island, New York, editor of the "Herald of Freedom", advised that a newly formed educational project called "Let Freedom Ring" had been instituted on Staten Island. Capell advised that a retired New York City Policeman, Frank Tobin, has a telephone recording which gives a message to persons dialing YU 7-4343. He stated that this message, which is along anti-Communist lines, is changed every Sunday and that it is being heard by callers on the average of 300 times a day. Capell stated that the messages are compiled by one William Douglas, whom he described as an anti-Communist, who lives in Sarasota, Florida, who gathers his material from the Congressional Record, Congressman's newsletters and similar material.

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"Herald of Freedom" is a bi-weekly publication by Mr. Capell, which he has described as "Devoted to Combating Communism, Socialism and Un-American Activities by printing the whole truth in detail".

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[REDACTED] advised that the records of the New York Telephone Company, as checked on February 17, 1964, reflect that YU 7-4343 is listed to Mrs. Frank C. Tobin, 126 Justin Avenue, Staten Island, New York. This number was connected on January 31, 1964, as a business service. The treasurer was listed as Leola Tobin. A letter had recently been received by the Telephone Company requesting a change in this listing to "Let Freedom Ring".

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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[REDACTED] A SOURCE CLOSE TO ANDREW YOUNG \TOP  
ASSISTANT TO SUBJECT\ WHILE IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED  
YOUNG IN CONTACT WITH FEMALE WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS A MISS OSTE,  
A SWEEDISH NEWSPAPER WOMAN. SOURCE BELIEVES OSTE WILL ACCOMPANY  
YOUNG TO ATLANTA THIS DATE, AND THEN TO SELMA, ALABAMA. YOUNG  
ATTEMPTING TO SECURE AIR RESERVATIONS ON PLANE  
\AIRLINE NOT DESIGNATED\ FOR TWELVE TWENTY FIVE PM, ONE  
THIRTY ONE SIXTY FIVE. YOUNG AND KING TO LEAVE ATLANTA THIS  
PM AND ARRIVE IN SELMA, ALABAMA SIX TWENTY FOUR PM, ONE THIRTY  
ONE SIXTY FIVE. SOURCE UNABLE TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND  
ON OSTE, AND INDICIES OF NEW YORK OFFICE NEGATIVE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/1/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - J. F. Bland  
1 - F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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Martin Luther King, Jr., is ~~probably~~ the leading figure in the civil rights movement in this country today. He is of vital interest to us because of the communist influences upon him. His actions and expressions (both private and public) are of importance in several different areas of the Bureau's operations such as relating to the communist influences in racial matters, racial matters generally, civil rights matters, and the like. Because of King's position, we must be, in many respects, extremely guarded in our efforts to gain information concerning King's activities. King frequently travels about the country and speaks to public gatherings. He often times discusses the future plans of himself and his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. It is well, therefore, to avail ourselves of the coverage which may be given King through a review of news media sources and through contact with established reliable sources.

We recently received information divulging a series of King's appointments for the period 1/20/65 through 6/19/65. These include many public gatherings such as at universities and colleges, churches, and the like. We are, therefore, recommending a letter to the appropriate offices instructing that they report information available from news media and established sources concerning King's appearances in their respective territories. By receiving letterhead memoranda with such information, we are also able to make prompt dissemination to such interested other agencies as the Department and the military intelligence.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Attached for approval is a letter to the appropriate offices covering the territories in which King is scheduled to travel.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C.

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ON FEB. THREE, SIXTY FIVE, [REDACTED]

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SOURCE CLOSE TO CLARENCE JONES, A NEW YORK CITY ATTORNEY AND ADVISER  
TO KING/, ADVISED THAT ANDREW YOUNG /EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO KING/  
CONTACTED JONES THIS DATE RE KING-S IMPRISONMENT IN SELMA, ALABAMA. YOUNG  
ADVISED KING SENT NOTE FROM JAIL IN WHICH HE SUGGESTED THAT SOME  
SHOW PEOPLE VISIT HIM TODAY OR TOMORROW WHILE HE IS IN JAIL. JONES REPLIED  
THAT THIS COULD POSSIBLY OCCUR TOMORROW.

YOUNG ADVISED "THEY" ARE CONSIDERING REMOVING THOSE CASES TO  
FEDERAL COURT, IN WHICH CASE THE FEDERAL COURT BOND WOULD BE SET, WHICH  
MIGHT ALLOW KING-S RELEASE.

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YOUNG SAID KING-S NOTE INSTRUCTED THAT HE, YOUNG, SHOULD MAKE  
PERSONAL CALL TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND HAVE HIM INTERVENE IN SOME WAY.  
YOUNG SAID HE DID NOT THINK HE WOULD GET THE PRESIDENT BUT THOUGHT HE  
COULD PROBABLY MAKE OUT BETTER CASE XXXX TO LEE WHITE /PRESIDENTIAL  
ASSISTANT/.

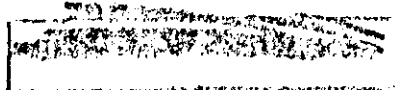
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JONES WAS ASKED BY YOUNG WHAT IS THE PRESIDENT-S RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION OF U. S. JONES READ FROM U. S. CODE, TITLE TEN, SECTION THREE THREE THREE, OPINING THAT KEY PHRASE WAS "BY OTHER MEANS" ADDING THAT PRESIDENT SHOULD UNDERSTAND CLEARLY THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TROOPS.

YOUNG ENUMERATED FOLLOWING POINTS THEY WILL ASK THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE, ONE. " TO SET STRAIGHT BEFORE THE NATION THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE WITHOUT OBSTRUCTION, TWO, CHASTIZE ALABAMA FOR OBSTRUCTING THEM, AND THREE, HAVE PRESIDENT TAKE LEGISLATIVE OR EXECUTIVE ACTION TO CLEAR CONFUSION".

JONES SUGGESTED THAT PRESIDENT SHOULD DISPATCH SMALL FORCE OF FEDERAL MARSHALLS SPECIFICALLY DEPUTIZED BY HIM /THE PRESIDENT/ OR ATTORNEY GENERAL. YOUNG REPLIED THAT FEDERAL MARSHALL THERE /SELMA/ WAS SCARED OF SHERIFF CLARK.

THE CONTACT ENDED WITH YOUNG MENTIONING THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING IN NY, BUT SAID NOTHING POSITIVE WAS DECIDED.

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CC-MR. GALT

RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1183

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, SELMA, ALA, VOTER DISCRIMINATION

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NEGRO MASS MEETINGS OBSERVED BY BUREAU AGENTS HELD TONIGHT

AT BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH, IN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOTH ON  
SYLVAN STREET, SELMA, ALA. ESTIMATED CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY SIX  
HUNDRED NEGROES AT BROWNS CHAPEL COMPRISED OF MOSTLY ADULTS.  
ESTIMATED CROWD OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY NEGRO STUDENTS AT FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH.

DR MARTIN LUTHER KING ARRIVED AT BROWNS CHAPEL AT ABOUT SEVEN  
FORTY FIVE PM CST. AT MEETING REV. FREDERICK D. REESE, PRESIDENT  
OF DALLAS COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE CALLED FOR "MASSIVE MARCH" ENROUTE  
ON DALLAS CO. COURTHOUSE TOMORROW. REQUESTED STUDENTS, TEACHERS  
NEGRO PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE AND ALL OTHER NEGROES IN SELMA AND  
DALLAS GO TO MARCH ON COURT HOUSE AS PROTEST AGAINST VOTER REGISTRATION  
PROCESS AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN DALLAS COUNTY.

KING ADDRESSED MEETING URGING ALL NEGROES TO PARTICIPATE IN  
BRINGING DOWN RACIAL BARRERS.

ABOUT NINE PM CST KING LEFT BROWNS CHAPEL WENT TO FIRST

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BAPTIST CHURCH AND ADDRESSED STUDENTS FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT  
TWENTY MINUTES . HE THEN RETURNED TO BROWNS CHAPEL AND MEETINGS  
TERMINATED AT ABOUT NINE THIRTY PM CST.

AT ABOUT NINE FORTY PM KING LEFT CHURCH TRAVEL TO TORCH  
MOTEL SELMA <sup>AND</sup> ~~END~~ CHECKED IN FOR NIGHT AT ABOUT TEN PM. OBSERVED  
THAT NUMEROUS WORKERS IN ~~QUOTE~~ "CIVIL RIGHT S MOVEMENTS" ~~END QUOTE~~  
ALSO APPEARED AT MOTEL AND APPEARED TO BE HOLDING ~~QUOTE~~ <sup>"STRATEGY"</sup> ~~STRATEGY~~  
MEETING ~~END QUOTE~~ WITH KING.

COVERAGE OF MEETING HANDLED BY [REDACTED] b7(c)

[REDACTED] TWO PLAIN CLOTHES OFFICERS IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY  
OF CHURCH AND TWO <sup>Police Department</sup> ~~PD~~ CARS PATROLING AROUND AREA OF CHURCH. THREE  
<sup>SS CARS</sup> ~~SS~~ CARS ALSO PATROLING AREA. FIVE PLAIN CLOTHES OFFICERS ATTENDED  
MEETINGS. TWO AT BROWNS CHAPEL AND THREE AT FIRST BAPTIST.

NUMEROUS PRESS OFFICIALS IN SCENE FROM NATIONAL NEWS MEDIA.

DEPT ATTORNEYS ON SCENE BEING ADVISED.

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To: SACs, New York (100-149194)  
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From: Director, FBI (100-438794)

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ReATairtel 2/1/65, copies to New York, which enclosed a letterhead memorandum of same date reporting that Ed Clayton, Public Relations Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, had agreed to meet one Bob Brown in New York City at a conference on 2/6/65 called "Operation Dialogue." It was indicated that about 15 individuals would be present including Bayard Rustin, and possibly also Martin Luther King, Jr. Clayton also indicated that he has a meeting in New York City 2/16/65 with Clarence Jones regarding a book that Clayton is writing for King.

By return airtel advise as to any available information concerning "Operation Dialogue." New York should make effort to determine the nature of the conference carrying such title, participants, results of conference and any other information of pertinence to the Bureau's work. Note the possibility that this conference may be the same as, or somehow related to, a scheduled conference in New York City 2/5/65 to be attended by King and his "Research Committee" of advisors.

Recipient offices should also be alert to any information concerning the reported book which Clayton is writing for King and keep the Bureau advised of pertinent information obtained.

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Re Bulet to Detroit dated 1-27-65 captioned as above.

Cleveland not in receipt of Bulet 1-26-65 mentioned in referenced letter. Please forward copy of same.

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SAC EARL E. BROWN

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UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: February 1, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

SUBJECT: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS  
VOTING DISCRIMINATION  
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The Mobile Office has advised that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. and Reverend Ralph Abernathy have now been arrested in Selma, Alabama. Following the arrests of the marchers, King refused to move on and stood in the street holding a press conference. He was told by Public Safety Commissioner Wilson Baker to move and when he refused again he was arrested for violation of the parade ordinance and for failure to obey an officer. Abernathy was arrested along with him.

Twelve individuals were picketing at the Dallas County Courthouse. They were instructed by the Sheriff to disperse as court was in session and they were disturbing the court. When the individuals refused to break up the Sheriff placed all twelve under arrest.

A group of approximately 150 Negro school children are scheduled to march in Selma sometime this afternoon after classes are dismissed.

## ACTION

The Civil Rights Division has been advised of the above information and Mobile will continue to closely follow developments in Selma.

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(RACIAL)

SELMA, ALA.--DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAS ARRESTED WHILE LEADING A MASSIVE PROTEST MARCH. AUTHORITIES SAID KING WAS ARRESTED BUT RESISTED HIM AGAIN WHEN HE FAILED TO OBEY AN OFFICIAL'S ORDER TO LEAVE THE SCENE.

KING AND ABOUT 270 NEGROES WERE ARRESTED WHILE MARCHING TO THE ALABAMA COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO PROTEST VOTER REGISTRATION. AFTER AN HOUR OF WAITING TO BE JAILED, KING AND ABOUT 100 OTHERS, INCLUDING ROLPH ABERNATHY, WERE TOLD TO LEAVE AND SO OTHERS WERE PLACED IN JAIL.

WITHIN MINUTES KING WAS RE-ARRESTED WHEN HE WENT TO THE FRONT OF THE CITY HALL TO TALK TO MENEMEN.

KING AND ABERNATHY WERE TOLD TO LEAVE AFTER ABOUT 100 OTHER NEGROES ENTERED THE JAIL IN THE CITY HALL. ABOUT A DOZEN NEGROES LEFT THE JAIL WHEN AUTHORITIES TOLD THEM THEY COULD LEAVE AND BE RELEASED CHARGED IF THEY SO CHOSE.

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POLICE ALSO ARRESTED 15 STUDENTS WHO PICKETED A FOUR-STORE. CIRCUIT JUDGE JAMES A. HARE FOUND ALL 15 GUILTY OF CONTEMPT OF COURT AND SENTENCED EACH OF THEM TO FIVE DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$100 FINE.

A SECOND WAVE OF ABOUT 100 STUDENTS, MANY APPEARING NO OLDER THAN 10, SHOWED UP CARRYING SIGNS. THEY WERE MARCHED INTO WHITE & YELLOW COUNTY BUSES AND OFFICERS SAID THEY WOULD BE TAKEN BACK TO SCHOOL.

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☐ Agent \_\_\_\_\_

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE 144-5571

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTING  
DISCRIMINATION. CR. LL.

O King

WHEN REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
TODAY AT FOUR ZERO EIGHT PM, THIRTY NEGROES HAD BEEN  
PROCESSED DURING AFTERNOON SESSION, MAKING TOTAL OF SIXTYFOUR  
PERSONS PROCESSED FOR THE DAY, SIXTY NEGROES AND FOUR WHITES.  
EIGHTYFOUR NUMBERS WERE ISSUED DURING THE DAY TO PERSONS  
DESIRING TO STAND IN REGISTRATION LINE. NUMBERS TWENTYEIGHT  
THROUGH EIGHTYFOUR WERE ALL ISSUED TO NEGROES EXCEPT NUMBER  
SEVENTYSEVEN WHICH WAS ISSUED TO WHITE PERSON. A DEPUTY  
SHERIFF ADVISED PERSONS STILL IN LINE WHEN BOARD CLOSED THAT  
THEY SHOULD RETAIN THEIR NUMBERS AS THEY WOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY  
ON NEXT REGISTRATION DAY, FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, NEXT.

RECORDS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT REFLECT TOTAL OF TWO  
HUNDRED FIFTYSEVEN PERSONS WERE ARRESTED THIS MORNING, WHICH  
END PAGE ONE.....

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INCLUDED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY. ALL ARE BEING CHARGED WITH QUOTE VIOLATING SECTION EIGHT TWO FOUR OF THE NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR CITY CODE OF SELMA, ALA., AS AMENDED, PARADING WITHOUT A PERMIT. UNQUOTE. THESE PERSONS ARRESTED BY CITY AND ARE PRESENTLY APPEARING IN CITY COURT IN GROUPS OF FIFTEEN. THEY ARE BEING ADVISED OF CHARGE BY CITY JUDGE EDGAR RUSSELL, TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR APPEARANCE BOND BEING SET ON EACH ONE AND TRIAL IN CITY COURT IS BEING SET FOR FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, EXT.

DALLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS IN ABOVE GROUP ARE BEING ALLOWED TO SIGN OWN BOND AND PERSONS FROM OUTSIDE DALLAS COUNTY ARE BEING REQUIRED TO POST BOND.

MASS MEETING SCHEDULED TONIGHT AT BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH AT SEVEN THIRTY, ACCORDING TO LEAFLET BEING PASSED OUT ON STREET TO QUOTE PROTEST THE ARREST OF NINE HUNDRED PERSONS WHO DESIRE TO REGISTER TO VOTE UNQUOTE. THIS LEAFLET IS SIGNED BY SNCC, DCVL AND SCLC.

FURTHER DETAILS RE PROCESSING OF OTHER PERSONS ARRESTED BEING SECURED AND WILL BE FURNISHED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.  
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PAGE THREE ...

RE REGISTRATION IN PERRY COUNTY, MARION, ALA., THE BOARD OPENED AT NINE AM, CST. AT APPROXIMATELY TEN ZERO FIVE AM, THREE HUNDRED FIFTYFOUR NEGROES WHO HAD CONGREGATED AT A CHURCH ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE PERRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LEFT THE CHURCH AND WALKED NORTH ONE BLOCK AND THEN TO THE SIDE DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE WHERE THEY ENTERED, ALL BEING PLACED IN THE SECOND FLOOR COURTROOM. ALL WERE ADMITTED WITHOUT INCIDENT. AS OF FOUR FORTY PM, SEVENTY PERSONS, ALL NEGROES, HAD BEEN PROCESSED AND THE BOARD WAS REMAINING OPEN UNTIL FIVE PM. THE PERSONS AT THE CHURCH APPEARED TO BE LED BY JAMES ORANGE, NEGRO MALE, WITH SCLC, AND ANOTHER NEGRO /FNU/ BEST.

TWO ALABAMA STATE INVESTIGATORS WERE ON THE SCENE IN ADDITION TO THE MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PERRY COUNTY SO. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH VOTER REGISTRATION DURING THE DAY.

IN ADDITION TO VOTER REGISTRATION, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS TESTS WERE MADE FROM ELEVEN AM, UNTIL ONE PM, AT THE MARION, REXALL DRUG STORE, THE COLLEGE CITY DRUG STORE AND KORNOR CAFE. NEGROES WERE SERVED AT ALL ESTABLISHMENTS  
END PAGE THREE.....

PAGE FOUR....

WITHOUT INCIDENT. [REDACTED] b7(c) PERRY COUNTY, ADVISED  
THE DRUG STORES CLOSED AT ONE PM, AFTER NEGRO TEST BECAUSE  
OF THE NUMBER OF PETTY THEFTS WHICH HAD OCCURRED DURING THE  
TESTING AND RATHER THAN CAUSE AN INCIDENT, THEY CLOSED.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ON SCENE BEING ADVISED.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
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Atlanta, cc LA, 1/26/65.

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Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Re: Tairtel 1/27/65 which reported on a contact between subject King and one of his advisors, Harry Wachtel, a New York City attorney. King indicated that he was hoping to take two weeks off in February, 1965, and desired to spend some time in New York City. Wachtel indicated that this was a good idea and that he, Wachtel, might have a retreat for King available in upstate New York located about 3 1/2-4 hours from New York City and on a lake. King showed definite interest in this proposition. (3)

It is noted that Wachtel has been the subject of investigation by the New York Office, your file 100-148289. He is a Reserve Index, Section A subject.

New York is instructed to review its files concerning Harry Wachtel and his wife who has also been the subject of a security investigation to determine if there is any information which might reveal that Wachtel has available to him a "retreat," "hideaway" or some other such place in upstate New York. In the event a file review is unproductive along these lines, New York should be very alert to any extensive visit by King in its territory in which event consideration should be given to such discreet coverage as might develop information as to the place where King might vacation. Atlanta should likewise be alert through its day to day coverage of King for any information which would identify a likely vacation spot for King in upstate New York. (8)

The Bureau should be kept promptly advised of any pertinent information developed in this matter. The Bureau should also be advised by New York as to the results of its file reviews.

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NOTE: The requested information desired so that we may later consider appropriate coverage of King for (1) information as to meetings with communists and (2) counterintelligence possibilities. (3)

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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 1/18/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies  
 of LHM captioned as above. Two copies of the LHM are fur-  
 nished to Atlanta.

The information set forth in LHM was obtained from

[REDACTED] He requested identity  
 be protected.

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Omaha will follow matter through established sources  
 and in the event KING does appear at the banquet sponsored by  
 the Davenport Chapter of the Catholic Interracial Council,  
 appropriate letterhead memorandum will be submitted.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Omaha, Nebraska  
January 26, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

b7(D)  
A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, [REDACTED] said Martin Luther King, Jr., was invited to appear in Davenport, Iowa, on April 28, 1965, at a banquet sponsored by the Davenport Chapter of the Catholic Interracial Council. The source indicated an award or honor was to be bestowed on Dr. King at that time.

The source advised the banquet would be held at the Masonic Temple and the Catholic Interracial Council hoped to have at least 1,000 persons attend the banquet.

On January 21, 1965, the above-mentioned source advised Martin Luther King apparently accepted the invitation to appear in Davenport, Iowa, on April 28, 1965. The source indicated Martin Luther King would be paid \$1,000.00 for his appearance at the banquet, and King would be given the "Pacem in Terris" award, the second year such an award has been given by the Catholic Interracial Council. The first such awards were given in 1964 to the late President John F. Kennedy and to John Howard Griffin.

The source reported local law enforcement officials would be advised by letter of King's intended appearance in Davenport, Iowa, and requested to be especially alert for activity possibly detrimental to King's well-being.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. J. A. Sizoo  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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b7(D) This morning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and a long-time admirer of the Director, dropped by the office to discuss with me Martin Luther King, Jr. With Bureau approval, I had previously given [REDACTED] some of the basic facts concerning King's connections with communism [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told me that on being advised of the facts concerning King, he has remained completely silent. As a result, he is being questioned by associates [REDACTED] as to why he is not speaking out in favor of King and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that he would never disclose a confidence and, therefore, his only reply is that he no longer is an admirer of Martin Luther King. Further, he has talked with some other men who have told him of their knowledge of King [REDACTED] and their concern about it. In view of this, he is free to speak a little bit more in detail and says he has done so for it can be attributed to the men with whom he has spoken.

[REDACTED] said that these men are [REDACTED]. He told me that [REDACTED] advised him without being questioned about King that he is aware of King [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he considers King to be a "very dangerous man" to the civil rights movement and that something should be done about it. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he has never been an admirer of King's although he thinks King has done some good things; that a few months ago he began hearing very disturbing stories about King [REDACTED] believes that King should be maneuvered out of the civil rights field or else he will do it serious damage. [REDACTED] likewise, informed [REDACTED] that he had heard some time ago about King [REDACTED] is very disturbed over it and wishes something could be done but he has no specific course to recommend.

[REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED]

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b7(d) [REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] are also quite active in support [REDACTED] for King. He said that he is certain that not one of these three is aware of King [REDACTED] I told him that in view of what [REDACTED] had told him, he might want to explore very confidentially and discreetly the subject matter with these three men. He said he would do this.

[REDACTED] told me that he thinks it is too late now, especially in view of the [REDACTED] to prevent the banquet from taking place. [REDACTED] said he would do what he could to encourage key people to limit their praise and support of King as much as possible.

[REDACTED] also told me that he is taking steps [REDACTED] to get key Negro leaders to unite in opposition to King and to gradually force him out of the civil rights movement if at all possible.

[REDACTED] said that he would like to have President Johnson know three things-- (1) that from diverse sources he has learned of [REDACTED] Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his deceiving of sincere, good people in this Nation who have been supporting King; (2) that he regrets greatly that the banquet is being given in King's honor next week in Atlanta but that it has gone so far that it is probably not possible to head it off; and (3) that he believes that the very best thing that could happen would be to have King step completely out of the civil rights movement and public life for he feels that if this is not done, sooner or later King will be publicly exposed and this will do irreparable harm to the civil rights movement in which [REDACTED] others are so interested and have worked so hard for, and likewise, it will do injury to different citizens of the country who have been supporting King not knowing that he [REDACTED]

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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b7(D) [redacted] said that if he had had time to see President Johnson before leaving Washington, he would have told him these three things, but that he wanted the Director to know that he is free to quote him on these three points to the President and free to put all three things in any communication that goes to the White House from the Bureau.

It is very refreshing to meet a man of [redacted] stature [redacted] who is so sincere and honest and desirous of doing the right thing. He is a very admirable man. Repeatedly, [redacted] told me that he will continue to stay with this problem and to think about it, hoping that he will devise some plan or course of action that will help to take King out of public life. [redacted] told me in a visibly disturbed manner that this problem centering around King has caused him to wake up at night from time to time and he is very upset over it. [redacted] explained that while he has never been close to King or an active supporter thereof, he has been completely identified and very active in furthering civil rights and better conditions for the Negroes. He thinks that King's behavior now known to him when publicly exposed will do irreparable damage to such social causes that he and others have been sponsoring throughout a lifetime.

RECOMMENDATION:

Enclosed will be found a letter to the White House setting forth [redacted] discussion for approval and forwarding. Inasmuch as [redacted] mentioned only the President's getting this information, we do not contemplate any further dissemination.

✓ of [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
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UNITED STATES

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# Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 1/28/65

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Memorandum from Mr. W. C. Sullivan to Mr. A. H. Belmont, 1/22/65, reported on the claim made by Martin Luther King, Jr., that Mr. Hoover had asked an important official from Atlanta, Georgia, to see Mr. Hoover when the official attended the recent Inauguration in Washington, D. C. King claimed that when the official returned to Atlanta, he called on King's father, Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr., and told the elder King a great deal. As a result, King, Jr., was upset. We indicated that we would be alert as to the identity of the "important official" from Atlanta.

Memorandum from Mr. J. J. Casper to Mr. Mohr, 1/19/65, reported on an interview which the Director gave 1/18/65 to Herbert T. Jenkins, Atlanta's Chief of Police, who is also President, International Association of Chiefs of Police. The Director discussed with Chief Jenkins his meeting with King, Jr., and pointed out that while he has only publicly called King a liar, he could have told of King's *[redacted]* communist connections.

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## OBSERVATIONS:

It appears that Chief Jenkins could well be the "important official" from Atlanta who King claimed had seen the Director and later spoke to King's father. We, of course, are not positive that Chief Jenkins is the individual or that he did, in fact, see the elder King. We will continue to remain alert in our continuing coverage of this matter to obtain any further information concerning the reported meeting with King's father by an "important official" from Atlanta.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information. We will keep you further advised of any pertinent developments relative to the foregoing, FEB 2 1965

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen

SAC, Atlanta (100-5586)

2/2/65

Director, FBI (100-106670)

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - J. F. Eland  
1 - F. J. Baumgardner

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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ReATairtel 1/18/65, copies to recipient offices of instant communication, which forwarded a letterhead memorandum (LHM) of same date reporting on appointments which subject King has during the next few months.

Recipient offices should be alert to the presence of King in their respective territories. Whenever he appears publicly, such as to address some group, an LHM should be submitted to the Bureau reporting on his presence. Include information available from news media and established sources. Conduct no investigation which could cause embarrassment to the Bureau or alert persons outside the Bureau of Bureau interest in King.

The Bureau should be kept promptly advised of any changes in his contemplated schedule and of any pertinent developments relating to King's appearances around the country.

2 - Baltimore  
2 - Chicago  
2 - Cincinnati  
2 - Cleveland  
2 - Denver  
2 - Detroit  
2 - Indianapolis

2 - Los Angeles  
2 - Miami (100-15079)  
2 - New York (100-136585)  
2 - Omaha (100-6862)  
2 - Philadelphia  
2 - San Francisco  
2 - St. Louis

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**NOTE:**

See cover memorandum F. J. Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan, dated 2/1/65, same caption, prepared by [redacted]

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Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
SM-C

On 1/26/65, [REDACTED], a source close to CLARENCE JONES, advised that JONES in contact with HARRY WACHTEL on that date. He requested that WACHTEL dial telephone number YU 7-4343, and listen to information attacking MARTIN LUTHER KING and BAYARD RUSTIN. JONES said they should see the District Attorney concerning the transmission of such information on the phone.

A call to the number in question disclosed that it is a recording which opens with a statement that with the awarding of the Nobel Prize to KING, it has become nothing more than an instrument for the furtherance of Communist world revolution. The Communist have directed their followers to look to KING for leadership in the racial revolution, and KING has undoubtedly inspired more hatred between the races than any other ten men. It is said that the enormity of this insult to the American Negro is revealed in KING's background.

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(1-100-158790) (BAYARD RUSTIN) 13  
1-Atlanta (100-5586) (RM)  
1-New York (100-136585)  
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Approved: [Signature]  
FEB 4 1965 Special Agent in Charge

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It stated that he has associated with a dozen Communist fronts, was photographed at a Communist training school, and has associated with persons with notorious Communist records, and BAYARD RUSTIN was named. It calls RUSTIN a sex pervert, a draft dodger and a former member of the Young Communist League.

In conclusion, the recording states that for the ugly truth about KING, send \$1.00 donation to the "Fake Humanitarian", Box 645, Sarasota, Fla.

A check of records of NY Telephone Co., revealed that YU 7-4343, is listed to Mrs. FRANK C. TOBIN, 126 Justin Ave., Staten Island, NY.

A file review disclosed that on 2/14/64, [REDACTED] b7(D)  
[REDACTED] advised that newly formed educational project called "Let Freedom Ring" had been instituted on Staten Island. He said that FRANK TOBIN, a retired NY City Policeman had a recording which gives a one minute message to persons dialing YU 7-4343. [REDACTED] said the message, along anti-Communist lines, is changed every Sunday. He said the messages are compiled by one WILLIAM DOUGLAS, an anti-Communist in Sarasota, Fla., who gathers his material from the Congressional Record, Congressmen's Newsletters, and similar material. b7(D)

For Bureau's information, the above was furnished in letter captioned, "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; YU 7-4343, INFORMATION CONCERNING," 5/12/64. Bu file in matter is 62-0-49544.

Letterhead memorandum follows.

January 29, 1965

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Tacoma, Washington

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of January 23rd has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, I must advise that data contained in the files of the FBI is confidential and available only for official use, pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you will understand my inability to be of aid.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir

I have a newspaper clipping concerning Martin Luther King, quote, neither directly nor indirectly has Dr. King made any contribution to world (or even domestic peace.

Me thinks the Lenin Prize would have been more appropriate for him, Since it is no mean feat for one so young to acquire 60 communist front citations. according to the U S Government only DR W. E. B. Du Bois and Paul Robeson surpassed that Record if we exclude Eleanor Roosevelt. this was from the Pittsburgh Courier, editor, George S. Schuyler.

Do you have some information on this ?

I would like this confirmed. thank you. and literature on this.

[REDACTED] b7(c)

Tacoma Wash.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : *JKR*  
*cm* SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

DATE: 1/29/65

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta dated 1/22/65 requesting information on the sister of KING's wife.

A review of Atlanta files was negative on CORETTA KING's sister.

It is noted that Atlanta letter dated 4/17/64 dual-captioned CP, USA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters, IS-C and CORETTA SCOTT KING, aka Information Concerning, SM, set out a lead for Birmingham to check background of CORETTA KING at Heiburger, Alabama. This lead was subsequently handled by Mobile. Mobile airtel of the same caption dated 5/21/64 reported no evidence of a sister of CORETTA KING although this investigation was discontinued at Bureau instructions (see Bureau airtel dated 5/5/64).

Other possibilities where information regarding a sister of CORETTA would be available is in her passport file Passport # C-224842, issued 3/28/62 or in her records at Newton Conservatory, Newton, Mass.

However, in view of previous Bureau instructions in this matter, no leads are being set out to identify CORETTA's sister.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: January 19, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS,  
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
VOTING DISCRIMINATION,  
CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
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## THREAT AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING

With regard to the allegation made [REDACTED]

concerning a threat against the life of Martin Luther King, it is noted that this information was first received early on 1/17/65 from Mr. Robert Owen, Departmental Attorney, who said that he had received the information from [REDACTED]

Inquiry was made of Owen as to the original source of the information and he said he did not at that time know [REDACTED] source for the information. Owen called later on 1/18/65 and said that he had received additional information and that [REDACTED] original source was [REDACTED] was promptly interviewed. [REDACTED]

We are conducting extensive investigation at present to locate and interview other persons named by [REDACTED] when the alleged threat was made. One of these persons, [REDACTED], was interviewed 1/13/65. [REDACTED] stated that he attended the National Citizen's Council Conference at Montgomery, Alabama, 1/15-16/65. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] refused to furnish specific information about the meetings except he stated affirmatively that he heard nothing about any threats of violence to Martin Luther King at any of the meetings. [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA,

TEST OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS, SELMA, ALABAMA, 1/18/65

Mobile advised 1/18/65 that they have maintained close contact with Reverend James Bevel, SCLC, and Reverend Frederick M. Reese, President Dallas County Voters League, and both assured the Agents that in the event of any public accommodations testing that they would furnish ample notice. At 11:00 a.m., 1/18/65 Bevel was contacted at Brown's Chapel AME Church at a time when a march was beginning to take shape and Bevel advised at that time that they would test approximately thirteen restaurants in Selma at 11:30 a.m. A surveillance was instituted in the area to identify the business establishments to be tested and it was determined that nine restaurants were tested. All of them complied, with the exception of Carter's Drug Store where Negroes were refused service. At the request of the Department, we have initiated investigation with respect to Carter's Drug Store under the Public Accommodations Section of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA

b7(D)

ACTION:

1. The Department has been kept advised on a current basis of the above information concerning developments in Selma, Alabama.

2. Investigation to verify the reliability [redacted] and to determine whether or not his allegations are factual is being vigorously pursued. [redacted]

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*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
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- Below center: *chi*  
- Right: *V.*  
- Far right: *EAC*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. R. W. Smith

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RESEARCH MATTER

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

DATE: January 5, 1965

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1 - Mr. R.W. Smith  
1 - Mr. R.S. Garner  
1 - Mr. Huelskamp

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A review of captioned individual's books and writings for indications of possible communist influence has been made.

Subject's writings deal with the Negro and the Civil Rights Movement. While in some instances certain parallels were indicated between subject's views and communist thinking, a causal link between these parallels could not be established from the writings themselves.

As a matter of interest, King in his writings appeals to Christian principles and refers to moral righteousness as the basis for his movement. He has charged his followers that "Our actions must be guided by the deepest principles of our own Christian faith."

In his sermons, he has spoken of "moral excellence" and the fact that Society "must have its standards, norms and mores." On one occasion he hypocritically stated:

"...Many of you know what it means to struggle with sin. Year by year you were aware that a terrible sin --slavery to drink, perhaps, or untruthfulness, impurity, selfishness--were taking possession of your life. As the years unfolded and the vice widened its landmarks on your soul, you knew that it was an unnatural intruder. You may have thought, 'One day I shall drive this evil out. I know it is destroying my character and embarrassing my family.' At last you determined to purge yourself of the evil by making a New Year's resolution."

"One cannot remove an evil habit by mere resolution nor by simply calling on God to do the job, but only as he surrenders himself and becomes an instrument of God. We shall be delivered from the accumulated weight of evil only when we permit the energy of God to come into our souls."

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King's statements belie his actions. While he might argue that

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RESEARCH MATTER

"The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak," the thought also occurs that "The Devil can quote scripture."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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On January 20, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information indicating that Dora Mc Donald (Secretary to Martin Luther King, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC) was in contact with Jo Ann Mc Cloud (a Secretary in the law firm of Clarence Jones) on January 20, 1965. Mc Donald advised that she was interested to know what Jones had done on the article he was to write for King. The article, the source said, was to deal with Nehru (former Prime Minister of India) and is to be published in India. Mc Donald told Mc Cloud to urge Jones to finish the article because there had been many inquiries as to when it would be completed. U

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Clarence Jones is the General  
Counsel to the Gandhi Society for  
Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street,  
New York, New York. U

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The Labor Youth League has been  
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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta 1/21/65.

A review of photographs available in the Atlanta Office disclosed that the girl in the news photograph with KING when he was attacked in Selma, Ala., is DOROTHY COTTON, Director of the SCLC Citizenship School, [REDACTED] b7(c)

Enclosed for the Bureau is a news photograph from "The Atlanta Constitution," dated 1/19/65, showing the same action. This photograph is being enclosed because it perhaps is a clearer picture of COTTON.

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**STATES RIGHTER THROWS PUNCH AT INTEGRATION LEADER**  
Assailant Identified as Jimmy Robinson; Woman Is Unidentified

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Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

ReATairtel, copies to Cleveland, Detroit and  
Los Angeles, 1/22/65, which reported on forthcoming presence  
of subject King in Toledo, Ohio; East Lansing, Michigan; and  
California (probably Los Angeles).

Recipients instant communication should be guided  
by instructions set forth in Bulet 1/26/65 to Atlanta, copies  
to several offices including Detroit, Cleveland and  
Los Angeles.

- 2 - Cleveland
- 2 - Los Angeles
- 1 - Atlanta (100-5586)

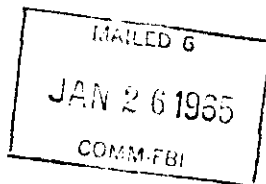
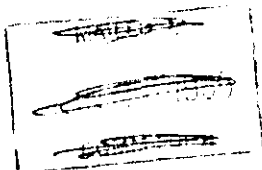
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Bulet 1/26/65 issued instructions relative to  
reporting information concerning subject's presence,  
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r. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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1 - F. J. Baumgardner

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Honorable Bill D. Moyers  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Moyers:

[REDACTED] asked a representative of this Bureau to communicate the following information to the President. [REDACTED] who expressed great admiration for the President, advised that in the recent past he has learned from several sources about the [REDACTED] Martin Luther King, Jr. [REDACTED] explained that he was shocked to learn of this and immediately realized what serious consequences King's misbehavior could have for the civil rights movement in which [REDACTED] has been actively interested for years.

[REDACTED] made three points: (1) that from diverse sources he has learned of [REDACTED] and of King's deceiving of sincere, good people in this Nation who have been supporting King; (2) that he regrets greatly that a banquet is being given in King's honor next week in Atlanta, but that arrangements have now reached the point it is probably not possible to prevent the banquet; and (3) that he believes that the very best thing that could happen would be to have King step completely out of the civil rights movement and public life for he feels that if this is not done, sooner or later King will be publicly exposed. [REDACTED] believes that an exposure of King will do irreparable harm to the civil rights movement in [REDACTED] and others are so interested and have worked so hard for; and likewise it will do injury to different citizens of the country who have been supporting King, [REDACTED]

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.

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Honorable Bill D. Moyers

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[REDACTED] told this Bureau's representative that if it had not been necessary for him to leave Washington, D. C., immediately, he would have liked to convey this message to the President in person. However, in view of the necessity for his hasty departure, he asked that his views be transmitted to the President by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

See cover memorandum Mr. W. C. Sullivan to Mr. A. H. Belmont, dated 1/21/65, captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr., Security Matter - Communist," prepared by WCS:lm1.

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12-14 AM CST URGENT 1-18-65 CWB

TO: DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE

FROM: NEW ORLEANS /157-NEW/

UNSUB, ALLEGED THREAT ON LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JANUARY  
EIGHTEEN, SIXTY FIVE, SELMA ALABAMA, RM, OO: MOBILE

RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE, JANUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY FIVE.

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ADVISED ON JANUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY FIVE, HE HAS KNOWN

AND HAS KNOWN HIM MANY YEARS. IS NOT

MARRIED AND RESIDES WITH HIS PARENTS,

LOUISIANA.

IS FORMER CITY MARSHAL UNTIL DEFEATED IN ELECTION

AND NOW

HAS BEEN A GUN COLLECTOR SINCE AGE FIFTEEN, AND OWNED AND

OPERATED SMALL GROCERY LOUISIANA, UNTIL HE SOLD

IT A SHORT TIME AGO. IS WELL KNOWN TO POLICE

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OFFICERS IN [REDACTED] WHICH IS ONLY TWO MILES FROM [REDACTED] AS  
HE OFTEN HANGS AROUND THE POLICE STATION. [REDACTED] - CONSIDERED  
TO BE OF GOOD REPUTATION AND HAS NEVER BEEN IN TROUBLE IN THAT  
AREA. [REDACTED] HAS NO INFORMATION ABOUT ANY TRIP [REDACTED] HAS MADE  
RECENTLY OR ANY ASSOCIATES ON TRIP.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE ABOUT TWENTY  
ONE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SEVENTY TO ONE SEVENTY  
FIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR AND PRESENTS NICE APPEARANCE. AM  
COPIES TO BALTIMORE, WFO AND JACKSON.

ENCORRECTION. 12-14 AM SHOULD BE 12-14 PM

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-0)

SUBJECT: "AUTHENTIC," PUBLISHED 1609 NORTH  
29TH STREET, PHILADELPHIA 21, PA.  
EDITOR - BENJAMIN F. JOHNSON  
RM [redacted]

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one Xerox copy each of items appearing on page 1 of captioned newspaper dated 12/3/64 which was received at Philadelphia 1/6/65.

The "Authentic" is not a regularly published paper to be found on the newsstands. Its masthead carries no statement that it has been registered with the Post Office. Issues appear at irregular intervals. [redacted] source [redacted]

[redacted] received his copy [redacted] and was of the opinion that the 12/3/64 date on the paper was not the actual date of its distribution.

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The controversy was also taken up in the "Authentic" issues at that time.

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[REDACTED] advised 1/7/65 in addition to recalling the above situation, that the "Authentic" is published sporadically, usually only when a controversial issue is before the public. Several years ago when a grand jury in Philadelphia was investigating corruption in City Hall during the administration of ex-Mayor RICHARDSON DILWORTH, the "Authentic" published a number of issues.

ANDREW G. FREEMAN is Director of the Urban League in Philadelphia, and Philadelphia files contain no subversive or derogatory information.

RECOMMENDATION TO BUREAU:

In view of JOHNSON's unsavory background, it does not appear that any useful purpose will be served by contacting him.

FREEMAN's article looks like "boilerplate" of the type that would be issued by the Urban League official to the Negro press. It is apparent that FREEMAN recognized the limitations on FBI jurisdiction and there is no reason to contact him re this article.

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# WORLD'S NO. 1 LIE

## J. EDGAR HOOVER

Editorial

### DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING MAN OF CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY

Dr. Martin Luther King, the world's greatest exponent of peace, tranquility and justice, has now been attacked by a peep squeak named J. Edgar Hoover. Mr. Hoover, who accused Dr. King of being America's most notorious liar, has himself been under constant criticism since the assassination of our late President, John F. Kennedy. Many authoritative sources have indicated that the F.B.I. head was lax in his functions toward protection of Mr. Kennedy. This column, as an authority on Negro affairs, has not been able to find in Mr. Hoover's record any demonstration of concern for Negroes' problems.

Mr. Hoover had to come up with something dramatic to try to save the diminishing respect and confidence of the people which he has enjoyed for so many years. Like a prize fighter who has taken a merciless beating for nine rounds, Hoover comes out swinging wildly in the last round at Dr. King—just hoping to connect with a lucky punch.

In calling Dr. King a "notorious liar" Hoover has held up for ridicule the judgement of those who named King the winner of the Nobel Prize. He (Hoover) further insults the intelligence and wisdom of the Pope, who gave Dr. King a record breaking interview. Mr. Hoover may not rate these world famous men of character and holiness as his equal in judgement, but, in the world today who elected him (Hoover) the only person to decipher a man's honor and sincerity.

Mr. Hoover apparently must learn as did Senator Goldwater, there are just not enough prejudice whites to go along with his thinking. Neither will his efforts to divide Negroes today pay any dividends. In condemning Dr. King, honest "Abe" Hoover was another stimulant, bringing liberal whites and Negroes closer together.

Dr. King has not been discredited or distrusted by Hoover's remarks, and Mr. Hoover has not saved or slowed down his floundering exposed reputation of incompetence. If Hoover is unsympathetic to the Negroes' fight for first class citizenship, then America is in real jeopardy. For it is only Dr. Martin Luther King he has condemned. Hoover had remonstrated against the will, judgement and convictions of people all over the world.

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## Hoover Starts Long Debate

By Andrew G. Freeman

When F.B.I. Director, J. Edgar Hoover, called Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "The most notorious liar in this Country" he set off a public debate which will continue for a long time to come.

Dr. King was alleged to have said that F.B.I. Agents in Georgia do not act in civil rights cases, because they are Southerners. Dr. King denied this statement and replied that Mr. Hoover "has apparently fallen under the awesome burden, complexities, and responsibilities of his office."

Actually, Negro civil rights leaders have long been critical of the F.B.I. for what seems to them to be a lack of support when their civil rights have been attacked, denied, or abridged.

In many instances, there have been murders, bombings, police brutality, arrests for minor offenses with exorbitant bail, and a host of other injustices against Negroes, with no effective action taken by the F.B.I., not to mention local police officers.

It is hard for Negroes, especially those involved in the civil rights movement, to accept the lack of F.B.I. support in such instances or to understand the position of the F.B.I.

True, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is an investigatory agency, empowered to ~~act~~ when Federal statutes

are violated. On the other hand, civil rights workers in Mississippi, for example, feel strongly that the F.B.I. there has not been entirely sympathetic to their cause.

It seems to me that the answer is in Federal legislation to broaden the responsibilities of the F.B.I. and to make it mandatory for that agency to take action in civil rights cases. I see no reason why murder should not be a Federal crime, and I think the F.B.I. should have the authority to act in communities where local practices indicate that prosecution and conviction are unlikely. Why can't a Pennsylvania member of either House of the Congress introduce such a bill?

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ANDREW G. FREEMAN

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West Lafayette, Indiana

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of January 19th, with enclosure,  
has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information  
contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential  
in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and  
is available for official use only. In view of this, I am sure you  
will understand why I cannot comment concerning the individual  
about whom you inquired.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you  
will find of interest, as well as your self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Time for Decision

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

The Honorable Mr. Hoover:

Please mail me what information you can on Martin Luther King, especially as to his current or previous membership in either communistic or left-wing type organizations.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Mr. per telegram dated 1/19/65  
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 SUBJECT: AMERICAN NAZI PARTY  
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Re Philadelphia teletypes, 1/20/65. Atlanta radiograms, 1/20/65, entitled "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C." Richmond teletypes to Bureau, 1/20/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum. Additional copies furnished for Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING file. One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished Atlanta, two copies are being furnished Richmond, and two are being furnished Washington Field.

Information copies of letterhead memorandum are being forwarded INTC, OSI, ONI, and Secret Service (2), Philadelphia.

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January 21, 1965

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY

[REDACTED] Commissioner's Office, Philadelphia Police Department; and [REDACTED] b7(c)  
[REDACTED] Radnor Township Police Department, advised that they had information to the effect that the American Nazi Party (ANP), led by George Lincoln Rockwell, Commander of the ANP, was possibly to be present at Villanova University, Radnor, Pa., when Doctor Martin Luther King, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference was to speak at 8 p.m., January 19, 1965, at the Villanova University Field House.

[REDACTED] b7(c)  
[REDACTED] said he had received an anonymous telephone call to the effect that Gilbert Paquette, a member of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) in the Philadelphia area, was contemplating picketing this appearance of Doctor King.

Characterizations of the American Nazi Party and the National States Rights Party are attached.

Subsequently, Thomas Bleming, self-admitted sympathizer of the ANP, telephonically contacted the Philadelphia Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and stated he had heard a rumor that George Lincoln Rockwell and the ANP might make an appearance when Doctor Martin Luther King spoke at Villanova University. He also stated that he, himself, would not take part in any demonstration or activity at Villanova University, though he was violently opposed to the views and appearance of Doctor King, except that he might pass out anti-King literature if he could obtain transportation to Villanova.

Bleming also said he had been contacted the previous night by Gil Paquette, member of the NSRP, who wanted to demonstrate against the appearance of Doctor King. Bleming further advised he had attempted to contact ANP headquarters in Arlington, Va., the previous evening to verify the appearance of the ANP to protest Doctor King's appearance but he was unable to contact the headquarters.

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY

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On January 19, 1965, [REDACTED] advised Doctor King made his address at Villanova University and there were no incidents whatsoever.

Characterizations  
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FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS, aka  
The George Lincoln Rockwell Party

In his book "This Time The World", copyrighted in 1961, George Lincoln Rockwell identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP-WUFENS), Arlington, Virginia.

The April 4, 1963 issue of "The Richmond News Leader", a Richmond, Virginia daily newspaper, reported that George Lincoln Rockwell had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that Rockwell's party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 14, 1964 a source advised that the ANP-WUFENS was organized by George Lincoln Rockwell at his residence in Arlington, Virginia, on February 2, 1959, as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. He added that Rockwell is the dominant force and personality in this party; that he is espousing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking, through speeches, distribution of literature and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

According to the "Stormtrooper's Manual", an official publication of the ANP, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold, namely, first "to make ourselves known to the masses;" second, "the dissemination of our program and the truth about the Party;" third, "organizing the people who have been converted to our propaganda;" and fourth, "the attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses."

On February 17, 1964, Karl Rogers Allen, Jr., former Deputy National Commander of the ANP, advised that George Lincoln Rockwell believes that he has completed the first two phases in his struggle for power and is now well into the third phase. Allen said, however, in his opinion, Rockwell has only completed phase one.



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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently-held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July 1958 issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official racial nationalist organ of the National States Rights Party," reported that rank and file "State Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party" with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue Number 19, dated June 1960, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the Headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 17, 1960, a source advised that EDWARD R. FIELDS, the Information Director of the NSRP, is the individual who runs the NSRP.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 1/21/65

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

Re Bureau airtel dated 1/12/65, concerning the identity of one "Brother DAVIS", whose name was mentioned by ANDREW YOUNG and subject while in New York City, on 1/9/65. U

The NYO has been unable to ascertain any information as to the identity of "Brother DAVIS". It is believed, however, that he resides in the South since information furnished by the source indicated that DAVIS was instructed to "come up to Washington" on 1/11/65. U

The NYO is unable to lend any light on what YOUNG meant when he told DAVIS, "that in the rehearsal he, Brother DAVIS, was a master and that if he put on his act in Washington, Brother will be in tears." U

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Charlotte, North Carolina

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of January 18th, with enclosure, and I want you to know of my appreciation for your thoughtfulness. It was good of you to write to me, and I thank you for your kind regards.

Please accept my best wishes for a New Year filled with an abundance of all good things.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: [REDACTED] is a graduate in good standing of the [REDACTED] Session of the FBI National Academy [REDACTED]. The enclosure was a copy of an editorial, "Dr. King's Acceptance Speech," broadcast 12-23-64 by Allan H. Newcomb, Public Affairs Director, Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Company, Charlotte, N.C., over station WBTV.

It makes no mention of the Director or the FBI and castigates Reverend Martin Luther King for his statements concerning the Negroes' status in the United States in his world-wide received acceptance speech on being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Alan H. Newcomb is on the Special Correspondents' List. The editorial is not being acknowledged since it makes no mention of the FBI.

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Charlotte, North Carolina

13 January 1965

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On 23 December 1964 I viewed the TV Editorial which was broad-  
cast over Station WBTV by Alan H. Newcomb, Public Affairs  
Director for the Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Company here  
in Charlotte.

Because of the national interest in the subject matter reviewed  
in this editorial, a written copy was secured and is attached  
for your information.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely

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# EDITORIAL

## DR. KING'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

December 23, 1964

We congratulate the Reverend Martin Luther King on being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1964. He deserves the honor because he has led the people of his race toward full equality of citizenship, and has steadfastly refused the temptation to encourage violent demonstration.

But his speech accepting the award was a great disappointment. If Dr. King had been more familiar with Communist propaganda tactics, and with the uses that can be made of his speech, he would probably have revised it.

Even Western Europeans who are not Communists have only a foggy impression of race relations in this country. Along with Asians and Africans, they are most likely to get an even more false impression from Dr. King's words.

An American audience would easily understand what he meant when he said "twenty-two million Negroes of the United States are engaged in a creative battle to end the long night of racial injustice." But he was speaking to the world, not to an American audience. Those words without qualification can give a very wrong idea of the American society, and Dr. King did not qualify them. He emphasized all of the dark aspects of the race question in this country, but mentioned the bright spots only casually.

The European or African would suppose that the Negro in the United States is subjected to the worst kinds of oppression, and that he is fighting unaided for his own improvement. And that is just the kind of picture that the Communist radio broadcasts have been trying to create for years.

What else could Martin Luther King have said? He could have mentioned that it is because the Negro already enjoys so many rights that he has high hopes now for full rights. He could have said that in spite of an admittedly bad situation in many areas, the Negro in America has made more progress than he has anywhere else in the world; that the wretched living conditions of many Negroes do not alter the fact that the average Negro lives better here than in nearly all other countries.

He might have pointed out that the Negro's great advancement would have been impossible without the help of millions of white people; and that the civil rights bill he mentioned merely in passing was adopted by an almost all-white Congress.

We do not believe that Dr. King intended to present his country in a bad light. But we do believe that if he had given more thought to the language he was to use before a world audience, he would not have added to the gross misrepresentations that have already made such headway in other parts of the world.

While we congratulate Dr. King on his award, we regret that he spoke for his race more than for his nation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

Mr. Belmont

DATE: January 19, 1965

FROM :

A. Rosen

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1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

SUBJECT :

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS  
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA  
VOTING DISCRIMINATION  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

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The Mobile Office has advised that Sheriff James Clarke and his officers have arrested approximately 71 individuals in Selma, Alabama, today.

According to the Mobile Office, Martin Luther King and a group of individuals left Brown's AME Chapel and proceeded to the Courthouse in small groups as they had been directed. John Love, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) representative in Selma, tried to encourage a number of individuals to insist on using the front door at the Courthouse. In the past, individuals desiring to register have been using the side door, and if they cannot be served right away, individuals queue up at the side of the building. Love and his associates endeavored to use the front door and were told by Sheriff Clarke and his men that the front door was not being used and that they should go around to the side. The first to be arrested were John Love, Frank Sorocco, who works with Love, and Lafayette Sumner. Sorocco is white and the other two individuals are Negroes.

James Gildersleeve, Negro who is secretary of the Dallas County Voters League, was personally arrested by Sheriff Clarke when he attempted to go into the front door. Amelia Boynton, local Negro leader, was arrested reportedly on a charge of "criminal provocation." In addition, Clarke and his officers have arrested 66 Negroes who gathered in a group in front of the Courthouse and did not disperse. The officers had told them that the front door was not being used; that if they wanted to register, they should go in through the side door, and if they were not there to register, they should break up and not congregate in front of the Courthouse.

The Mobile Office has advised that the specific charges lodged against the individuals are not known but that the individuals are being immediately taken to the Courthouse and being arraigned before a circuit judge.

## ACTION

Above information has been furnished to the [redacted] Division. The Mobile Office is closely following registration activities in Selma, Alabama, and you will be advised of pertinent developments.

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Date: January 19, 1965

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-95)  
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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-32495)  
(100-47307)

RE : ATTACKS AGAINST THE FBI  
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"FRONTIER" MAGAZINE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Los Angeles airtel 4/3/63, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau's information are two xerox copies each of pages 2, 4 and 16 of the December, 1964, issue of "Frontier," magazine, Volume 16, Number 2, published monthly at Los Angeles, California; publisher - GENE PHILLIPS, Editor - PHIL KERBY (aka. PHILIP FRANK KERBY, Security Index subject of the Los Angeles Division, Bufile 100-426876; LA file 100-46702).

It is noted that page 2 contains the regular monthly feature, "This Month," the last paragraph of which is an attack against the FBI and Assistant Director WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN. This feature bears the initials "W.K." at the end, which would tend to indicate the article was prepared by Editor KERBY.

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Pages 4 and 16 contain an unsigned editorial article captioned "Hoover and the FBI," which is an attack against Mr. HOOVER's revelations concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING. As it is the usual policy of various periodicals to credit unsigned editorials to the editor, it is quite possible that this editorial was also prepared by PHIL KERBY.



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## The Prophets

**R**USSELL KIRK, the conservative educator and newspaper columnist, is as accurate a reporter of facts as he is a prophet. On Oct. 31, Doc Kirk said that he was "reasonably sure" Goldwater will carry twenty-five states, and he added that the polls are "absurdly off" (*Los Angeles Times*). Three weeks after the election, Doc Kirk wrote that Goldwater, since his defeat, "has proved himself a man; reproaching no one." Except, Doc, that Barry said President Johnson lied during the campaign and knew he was lying.

As a prophet, Kirk was not alone. "I believe Barry Goldwater will win . . . next November and hand President Lyndon B. Johnson a crushing defeat. By several million votes, maybe ten million." A Los Angeles columnist named George Todt made that prediction last July 20. Three months later in October, Todt, a swinger, was still swinging. "Certainly my readers will bear with me if I continue to ridicule these 'Barry-can't-win' pollsters." Dick Nixon also fell under the spell of prophecy in late October. Columnist John Chamberlain wrote Oct. 19: "Mindful of the several surprises he

sees Goldwater pulling off a repetition of the Truman last-minute victory of 1948. This would almost certainly result in Nixon being named to the Cabinet as Secretary of State." Absolutely, except Nov. 3 got in the way.

**IT'S ABOUT TIME.** The Internal Revenue Service will soon withdraw the tax-exempt status of several right-wing organizations for meddling in politics. The revenue code specifies that "no substantial part" of a tax-exempt organization's activities can be devoted to "carrying on propaganda" or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The code also forbids a tax-exempt group to support in any way a political candidate. Action already has been started against Texas oilman H. L. Hunt's Life Line Foundation and the Christian Crusade operated by an evangelist named Billy James Hargis. Life Line and the Crusade have been peddling political propaganda under various guises. The IRS says it is turning a suspicious eye on about two dozen other right-wing outfits. About 70,000 groups in this country have tax exemptions as charitable, religious and educational organizations. An amazing figure. Is there any method of riding herd on them to

make sure they follow the rules? The answer seems to be no. The IRS action is late but welcome.

**STUDENTS** on most campuses of the University of California are placid and well behaved. They cause their beaming schoolmasters little trouble. But the kids on the Berkeley campus are different. No respect for duly constituted authority—as interpreted by the duly constituted authorities. The Berkeley students worry about war, freedom and things like that when they should be learning their lessons, paying respectful attention to their elders, and trying to get ahead.

The latest incident at Berkeley concerned—wouldn't you know it?—freedom. For years, the university has had a rule against on-campus solicitation of funds for political purposes or recruiting of students to take part in off-campus demonstrations. The rule had been mostly ignored by university officials until last fall when, according to Clark Kerr, President of the university, solicitations at the main gate to the university grounds "had become so much and were quite unregulated." The renewed enforcement brought on a large-scale ruckus, and now the university has a new policy. On-campus picketing is permitted for lawful off-campus activities, but not for unlawful off-campus actions. University officials concede that enforcing the old rule caused enough trouble and was, for practical purposes, impossible. Trying to keep tabs of on-campus student planning for illegal off-campus student actions might require the entire Berkeley police force.

We offer an idea to the university. Repeal all restrictions outside the classroom against political activity. In other words, try freedom. It might work.

**WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN**, assistant FBI director (thus, the second greatest being American), says 200 communists who tried to hide their emotions were among the 200,000 Negroes and whites in last year's civil rights march on Washington. Doesn't sound sinister to us. One in 1000 ought to be good enough odds. FBI officials say we shouldn't believe that the aspirations of our Negroes for equality are "communist-inspired." Thoughtful of the FBI to tell us what to think. We didn't believe that even before. Brother told us not to. We believe the Negroes want equality because they don't have it. Any questions, Mr. Sullivan? —PK



"Looks like Israel finally has the bomb"

ENCLOSURE

so preoccupied with internal struggle, that Democratic leaders may fairly conclude they can ignore its threat.

We do not intend to sound pessimistic. The fact remains that President Johnson has one of the great opportunities of the 20th Century for truly progressive achievement. But the nation has been spiritually debilitated by the endless nonsense of the recent campaign; one of its great political parties has been broken in half; and it will take a while to restore the morale of the commonwealth as a whole. Meanwhile there is much to be said for being wary as well as optimistic.

—GIFFORD PHILLIPS

## Mandate For Peace

THE reality of the 20th Century is this: The world is in revolution and has been since the first World War. The multitudes are awakening and stirring in Africa, Asia, Latin America, everywhere, and the West must come to terms with history. This does not mean that the West must concede the future to the Communist nations, nor does it mean that the West must be wholly responsible for bringing instant democracy to the emerging, underdeveloped countries, but the West—to survive—must see the world as it is.

Senator Goldwater rejected the 20th Century; he rejected it abroad and he rejected it at home, and the American people, for this reason, rejected Senator Goldwater.

Fear of nuclear war was the decisive factor in the President's huge victory. The American people did not believe that Goldwater would deliberately start a war, but they feared that his conception of the world, and of America's place in the world relative to the Communist nations, might needlessly involve us in war. In a nuclear age, this nation wants no part of an adventurous, risky and emotional foreign policy.

The "backlash" failed to develop in any significant way, not only because racial demonstrations were postponed during the election to allow the situation to cool off, but for a more important reason. The voters, even those who may be more or less reactionary on the race issue, regarded the first priority as peace. They put survival first, and they decided the country had a better chance of survival with Lyndon Johnson, rather than Barry Goldwater, in the White House.

If President Johnson received a mandate, it was a mandate for peace. Elected in his own right and with the greatest plurality any American President has ever had, he should feel freer in negotiating for continued life on this planet with the Soviet Union and with Red China. Every President since the beginning of the Cold War (including a national military hero) has been handicapped in foreign policy by the saboteurs of the right wing. Johnson, with both houses of Congress two-to-one Democratic, should have a wider area of freedom in dealing with the Communist bloc.

After peace, the great issue is the Negro revolution. Perhaps, the President, being a southerner, has been selected by history to bring the South back into the

mainstream of American life, although the problem is by no means limited to the South. Lack of boldness in advancing the cause of racial equality could bring increasing internal disorders and strife.

The President's massive victory caused inevitable speculation that the Republican Party faces extinction. This is not likely to happen. The demise of both parties has been predicted regularly after disastrous elections. The Democratic Party has been in power for twenty-four of the past thirty-two years, but following the Civil War the GOP ruled the country for 52 years.

The GOP's immediate problem is its right wing. Unless the moderate Republican leadership can recapture control, the Republican Party will continue to decline. The right-wingers, however, have no intention of surrendering. Denison Kitchel, Goldwater's campaign manager, said the morning after: "It doesn't look like we're going to win this first round. We have to wait for a few years, but we're going to get this government back where it belongs."

Goldwater did capture control of the machinery of the Republican Party at San Francisco; he did get 26 million votes in a national election, and, although perhaps only five to seven million of these 26 million Americans are true Goldwater believers, they do represent a force in this country. No matter how the election came out, the Goldwater candidacy, viewed in certain terms, was a disaster for the country. It provided an aura of respectability for the far-out far right, and by doing so strengthened the right wing. A month before the election, John Dos Passos, an old left-winger who rehabilitated himself into an ultraconservative, wrote that even though Goldwater loses the election, "The capture of the machinery of the Republican Party means that for the first time in many years, the basis exists in American politics for a really effective opposition."

What Dos Passos describes as an "effective opposition" is as curious a collection of hot-eyed political zealots as this country has ever seen. The right wing has access to money—which is power—and it has an arrogant disregard for democracy and the customary rules of democratic process. Despite Goldwater's defeat, the right wing's potential for mischief remains formidable.

—PHIL KERR

## Hoover and the FBI

J. EDGAR Hoover's recent outburst against the Warren Commission, the courts and Martin Luther King was not surprising. This country has a but defied Hoover, and the FBI director naturally regards himself above criticism. Presidents may be criticized but not the boss of the FBI.

Hoover's emotional tantrum apparently was set off by the Warren report, which said the FBI took an "unrestrictive view of its role in preventive intelligence work prior to the assassination" of the late President Kennedy. After denouncing this criticism as "entirely unwarranted and untrue," Hoover turned his attention to Dr. King. He called King "the most notorious liar in the country."

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# EDITORIAL

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for saying that many FBI agents in the South were southerners in sympathy with segregation. Hoover let off more steam by blasting "bleeding heart judges" who, he said, "should have a little more guts" when dealing with juvenile delinquents.

Hoover's unique place in government and in our national life was reflected by a news report of his views. The report said, in sycophantic tones, "He grants interviews so rarely that Wednesday's session was almost historic."

Not content with one airing of his complaints, Hoover pursued his grievances a week later in a public speech in Chicago. "It is a great misfortune that the zealots or pressure groups always think with their emotions, seldom with reason," he said. "They have no compunction in carping, lying and exaggerating with the fiercest passion."

Hoover's statements raise a series of questions about the role of the director of the FBI—Hoover or his successors—in government. Should the head of the FBI, as a subordinate in the Department of Justice, be permitted to publicly criticize private groups of citizens or individuals? Should he be permitted publicly to condemn the courts? Should he be permitted—as Hoover has done frequently—to make politically motivated speeches, attempting to instruct or indoctrinate the American people?

Hoover is seventy, but special legislation exempts him from mandatory retirement from government because of age. Even Hoover, however, will have to step down eventually, but the FBI will remain and these significant questions about the place in government of the FBI director must be settled. Hoover's latest eruptions prove the point more effectively than an indictment drawn by his severest critic.

## Big Brother

**N**EVER underestimate the bias against freedom that infects bureaucratic government.

Under federal law, recipients of Communist propaganda from overseas must sign a postal form authorizing delivery of the material. The intimidating effect of this procedure is obvious.

But the use of the law as a weapon of intimidation was not fully known until legal action was taken by a San Francisco free-lance photographer who complained that the Post Office held up delivery to him of the June, 1963, issue of *Peking Journal*. It was then revealed that the Post Office made up lists of persons authorizing delivery of Communist material and forwarded the names to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. A panel of three federal judges sitting in this case said the names were "routinely turned over" to the committee. Was such procedure authorized? If so, who authorized it? Is such procedure legal even if ordered by some authoritarian government official?

These questions should be answered, even though the judges struck down the law as unconstitutional because it "deters the free expression of ideas" and exposes citizens who have violated no law to social stigma and economic injury. There are forces in this country, in and out of government, whose chief fear seems to be "the free expression of ideas."

## South Vietnam

**W**HAT should the United States do about South Vietnam? Should we pull out? Should we attempt to arrange a negotiated settlement? Should we extend the war to North Vietnam?

Ominous signs are appearing that we may be on the verge of extending the war by "limited" air strikes on North Vietnam. Gen. Maxwell Taylor, our ambassador in South Vietnam, is now in Washington for conferences with the President. Reports say that General Taylor will advocate bombing certain "military targets" in North Vietnam.

Whether such air strikes will be an effective aid against the Viet Cong is problematical. What China's attitude will be cannot be ascertained with any certainty. We may find ourselves involved not only with a war in South Vietnam but entangled as well with huge land armies that China can easily put into that area. The temptations to extend the war into North Vietnam are obvious. The Administration probably would be supported by an almost unanimous public opinion—although that of itself would not prove the wisdom of such action.

There are other possibilities. We could withdraw from South Vietnam, although that is hardly likely. Such a decision, under current conditions, would scarcely be possible even for a President who has just achieved a landslide victory.

There remains the possibility of a negotiated settlement. Reports from Washington say the President's advisers are split. Some advocate bombing North Vietnam; others favor a negotiated settlement. Undersecretary of State George Ball is reported urging the latter course.

Certain apocalyptic observers say we should either extend the war or accept defeat. Joseph Alsop writes: "The decision to accept defeat in Southeast Asia or do the hard things that will have to be done to avert defeat will soon be made."

Defeat under present circumstances in South Vietnam is a matter of interpretation. Would a negotiated settlement be a defeat for us or a sensible way out? Or would an attack on North Vietnam drag us straight to a disaster that could be avoided?

A negotiated settlement should at least be attempted before new and dangerous military action is ordered.

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NEXT MONTH'S FRONTIER

Fred Cook, author and contributor to many national publications, will review "Tomorrow's Weapons," by Brig. Gen. J. H. Rothschild.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: January 18, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen

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DATE 12-4-80 BY SP4UMH

SUBJECT: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS,  
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
VOTING DISCRIMINATION,  
CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., is expected to arrive in Selma, Alabama, on the morning of 1/18/65 where he is expected to lead a massive march on the courthouse beginning at approximately 10:00 a.m. It is also expected that there will be public accommodations tests of restaurant facilities in Selma.

Mr. Robert Owen, Departmental Attorney, advised on 1/17/65 that he had received information from a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) that Reverend King would be eliminated within the next 36 hours. The source of this information

Upon receipt of this information indicating a possible threat to King, our Mobile Office was promptly alerted and instructed to furnish this information to local and state police officials as well as Selma Public Safety Director J. Wilson Baker. Our Atlanta Office has also been advised and has notified local and state officials in Georgia.

In addition to information regarding the threat on King,

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA,

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George Lincoln Rockwell, Head of the American Nazi Party, arrived in Selma, Alabama, on 1/16/65 accompanied by Jerry Dutton and James Robert McDaniel, Jr., who have been identified as active members of the National States Rights Party (NSRP). Rockwell told Public Safety Director Baker that he planned to attempt to ridicule Martin Luther King if King leads a march through the downtown streets of Selma. Baker has told Rockwell to expect rigid and just law enforcement and that no provoking tactics by Rockwell and his associates would be tolerated.

Public Safety Director Baker advised that John Doar, AAG, CRD, and a Mr. Griffin of the President's Committee on Community Relations have both been in contact with him and expressed concern as to the safety of Dr. King and the ability of local officials to maintain law and order in Selma since Rockwell has appeared on the scene. Baker said he informed both Doar and Griffin that he has done everything humanly possible to eliminate violence. He said that he had previously met with Doar and Griffin and requested assistance in asking King to wait for the court's decision relating to application of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in Selma which is presently pending, however, he has received no help at all and all arrangements he has made to attempt to preserve peace in Selma he has done without the assistance of any one in Washington. Griffin asked Baker if King had contacted him regarding the situation and Baker told him that King has made absolutely no effort to talk to any of the city administration, however, he would be agreeable to meeting with King if arrangements could be made. Griffin later contacted Baker and advised him that arrangements had been made for Dr. King to meet with Baker at the Holiday Inn, Montgomery, Alabama, on the morning of 1/18/65. Baker says he hopes to persuade King not to conduct any demonstration in Selma..

With respect to the massive march and testing of public accommodations facilities, Baker advised on 1/16/65 that he had met with Reverend James Bevel of SCLC and Reverend Frederick D. Reese of the Dallas County Voters League who are the local organizers and he explained to them the provisions of the city's anti-parade ordinance. He furnished them a copy and prevailed upon them to organize their movement on the courthouse in such a manner that large numbers of Negroes would not march en masse in direct violation of the ordinance. Baker stated that Bevel appeared to be in favor of this arrangement.

to Brandon to Mr. Belmont  
RE: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA,

Baker advised that he has also met with the White Ministerial Association, the Restaurant Association and the Retail Merchants Association and urged them to engage in an educational program among the white population to get them to accept the Civil Rights Act of 1964. He said that about ninety per cent of the restaurants in Selma have agreed to serve Negroes and he does not feel that a public accommodations test will necessitate any arrests. He said the merchants in Selma have agreed that Negroes must be accepted in the overall process of the community and he therefore does not anticipate any problems or violence in connection with the proposed demonstration and he plans to maintain the peace of the community without large forces or manpower. He has no plans to call in the Alabama State Police and Sheriff James G. Clark, Jr., states his office stands in a position to give assistance to Baker but he will not make any arrests unless directed to do so by Baker.

The Department has been advised of the above information.

ACTION:

1. The Mobile Office is providing full coverage to the situation in Selma and Agents will be present on the scene to observe all phases of activities and photograph any incidents or violence which may occur. The Department has been advised that we will not afford protection for King.

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3. Mobile is making inquiry to determine whether a conspiracy to kill King actually exists. The Department is being kept currently advised of all developments.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)

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Re New York airtel and LHM, dated 11/10/64; Bureau letter to New York, dated 12/18/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven copies of a LHM dated and captioned as above, two copies are enclosed for Atlanta.

Sources used in this LHM are as follows:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
January 4, 1965

Bureau 100-442529

Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

On December 31, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Michael M. Nisselson is a professional fund raiser with an office at 16 East 41st Street, New York City, and is also associated with the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City. According to the source, Michael Nisselson participated in fund raising activities in connection with the receptions in New York City, on December 17, 1964, for Martin Luther King, Jr., (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) (SCLC) on the occasion of King's return from Oslo, Norway, where he was the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. Nisselson also participated in making arrangements for the "Community Salute" to Martin Luther King, Jr., which took place on December 17, 1964, at the 369th Regiment Armory, 142nd Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City. U

With respect to the foregoing information, it is to be noted that on November 7, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Harry Wachtel contacted Bayard Rustin on that date. Wachtel mentioned that he arranged with [REDACTED]

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On May 28, 1956, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that she knew Saul Mills as a member of the CP all through the period 1938-1947. The source stated that Mills had been one of the most important persons in the CP and could be considered on the level with William Z. Foster (who was Chairman of the CPUSA during this period). The source further advised that she attended literally hundreds of meetings of the CP, at which Saul Mills was present, as well as hundreds of Trade Union meetings run by the CP. In respect to Saul Mills' knowledge of the CP nature of these meetings, the source stated that there is no question but that Mills was cognizant at the time they were official meetings of the CP. The source stated that she observed Saul Mills in 1944, at a meeting called by the National Committee of the CP, and observed him at a meeting of top functionaries of the CP, held following the 1944 convention, at which time Mills delivered a speech. ( )

On May 25, 1956, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in the late 1930's and early 1940's, Saul Mills was looked upon as being a highly trustworthy person and one whose word could be accepted and acted upon with respect to action the CP might take in regard to discipline cases involving individuals known to Mills. ( )

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states. U

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 10th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957. U

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958. U

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates. X (u)

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and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. X (u)

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964. U

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Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York. U

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto. U

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC. U

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild: ( )

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.) ( )
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.) ( )
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)" ( )